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Trail loss would have widespread repurcussions

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Devastating.

That's the word most people use when discussing the impact that the closure of the snowmobile trails would have on Haliburton County's winter economy.

"Snowmobiling is our winter economy," says Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison. "We add to it with skiing, and dogsledding and carnivals but it's a major part of our economy."

"There isn't anyone who wouldn't be affected," agrees Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey. "Snowmobilers spend money and they obviously have to stay somewhere."

Scott de Savoye, general manager of the Delta Pinestone Resort, says the closure of the trails would "set winter tourism back decades. It would be devastating to my winter. People want recreation."

Last week the president of the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association announced that a lack of volunteers might force the association to fold up its tent. Without the HCSA, Andy Chvedukas says, there's no one to maintain the trails. The hundreds of kilometres of trails that link local communities together and to the outside world would lie dormant.

"Snowmobiling is the livelihood of not only the dealers – with sales, maintenance and upkeep – but it's a financial loss to the entire community," says George Schvartz, owner of Haliburton Outdoor Equipment in Kennisis Lake. "Haliburton needs and must have tourism."

Greg Tibbitts owns Shamrock Shell, a gas station overlooking Head Lake and a popular spot for snowmobilers who need to gas up. His is the only remaining gas station in the village's core.

While snowmobiling is

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Jobs not at risk: LIHN chairman

LANCE CROSSLEY
Staff Reporter

Local Health Integration Networks – the province's attempt at restructuring the healthcare system by delegating funding decisions to regionalized authorities – will not jeopardize jobs in Haliburton County, says former Haliburton Highlands Health Services CEO Foster Loucks.

Fourteen LHINs are being set up throughout the province to set local priorities, allocate funding, and look for opportunities to "integrate" health care delivery services. Loucks, currently the chair of the Central East LHIN, addressed concerns that 'integration' may be a code word for job loss.

"I know that it has been put forward but quite frankly I never understood the argument because to me, the amount of service that's needed is not

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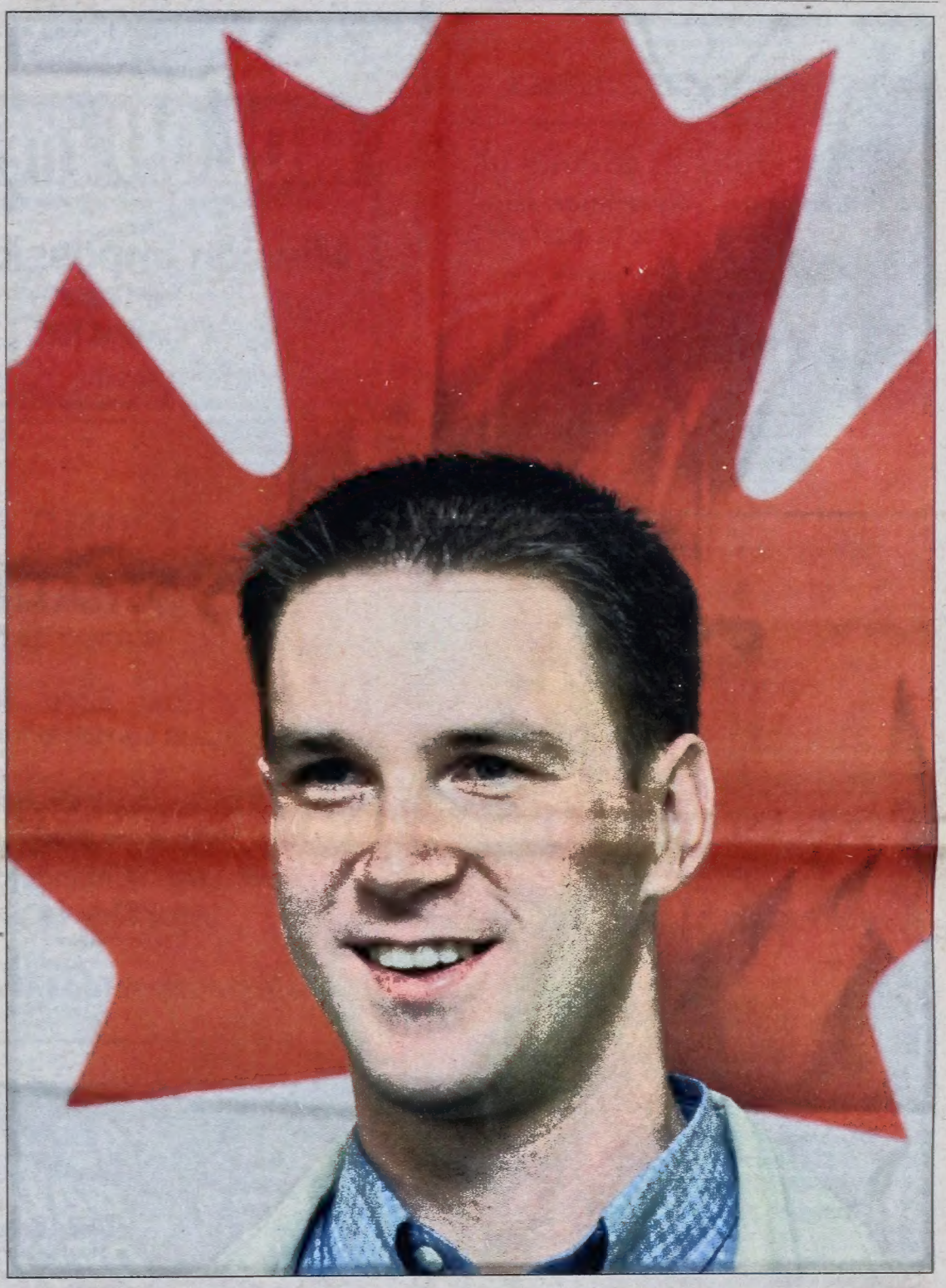

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The grin hasn't left Brad Gushue's face since he won Canada's first gold curling medal in the Turin Olympics. He was happy to be at the Haliburton Curling Club to share his love of the game.

Curling club strikes gold with Gushue

LANCE CROSSLEY
Staff Reporter

Brad Gushue, the Newfoundland native who helped Canada win its first curling gold medal in Olympic history, attracted a steady stream of star-struck fans on Saturday during his visit to help the Haliburton Curling Club raise money for its expansion.

"They wanted to expand the curling club and it's important for me to help promote curling around the country," said Gushue, just before he started signing autographs and posing for pictures for the long lines of fans streaming into the curling club. "And the fact that they are trying to grow the game in this community, I wanted to help out in any way I could."

Gushue is a six-time junior provincial curling champion and a winner at the world junior championships. His maturity as a player blossomed two months ago in his much-celebrated win in Turin, and has been in high

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A warm welcome back to *Country Connections* magazine

The *Country Connection* is back on local store shelves, a testament to the strength and convictions of publisher Gus Zylstra. Last August his wife Nancy, who was very much a part of the magazine, and daughter Awna were killed in a tragic car accident near Bancroft. The spring edition, the first since their passing, is dedicated to their memory. The cover shows lotus flowers; lotus was the name given to Nancy by her guru. "In ancient yoga philosophy, the lotus flower represents the perfection of life – rising from the bottom of a muddy pond to unfold into a flower of exquisite beauty." The magazine contains two features of particular interest: Marjorie Ludlow Green's profile of André Lapine and her story on the Hawk Lake log chute.

The Wiener Wagon is hosting a charity event to benefit the 4Cs food bank on Saturday, May 6. All proceeds from the sale of hot dogs and sausages will be donated. The wagon will be located on Highland Street between the Bank of Montreal and Photo Shop from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.. The rain date is Monday, May 8.

The emergency response program that Community Care Haliburton County offers its clients was showcased in the Celebrating Innovations in Health Care Expo in Toronto last week. The local volunteer organization's display focused on its relationship with Halcom Communications to provide 24-hour-a-day emergency response thanks to a special "button" clients wear around their neck.

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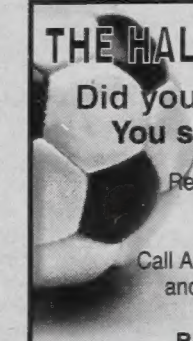
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A mother's work is never done

As the owner of her own business, Becky Consack had to be back on the job when her baby was one week old

PORTRAITS OF CHILDCARE

Feature by Lance Crossley

Photos by Casey Lessard

THE CLOCK'S SMALL HAND in Becky Consack's office is impatiently stretching toward the five. It's the peak of tax season and Consack's small accounting firm, which serves about 1,000 income tax clients and 40 bookkeeping accounts, is swamped with work and struggling to keep up with demand. She's hurriedly cramming a heap of papers into her briefcase so she can work from home tonight, but in the meantime, her 21-month-year old daughter Jayden is waiting to be picked up from Wee Care Day Nursery.

"Part of my life is just lugging files," says the 23-year-old Consack, as she leaves a small office in Haliburton's industrial area.

A tiny black dog, who resembles some sort of poodle mix and regularly accompanies Consack to her work, is the first to hop into her red Cavalier. On the car ride over, Consack – an attractive blonde who wears her hair up and sports a sleek leather jacket – begins to ruminate on the expense of daycare. Because Consack and Jayden's father, Mike Gunning, both work, they don't qualify for subsidy. That translates into a monthly daycare bill of $275-$400, depending on how many days their parents can assume babysitting duties. But she doesn't have it so bad, she explains. One of her clients is forced to work nightshifts while her three kids sleep at her parents' because of the cost of daycare.

"I could not imagine having more than one child in daycare, I honestly could not," says Consack. "I'd have to quit work. I couldn't even afford to have Jayden in daycare five days a week. Not with mortgage payments and car payments – I mean you have to have a car."

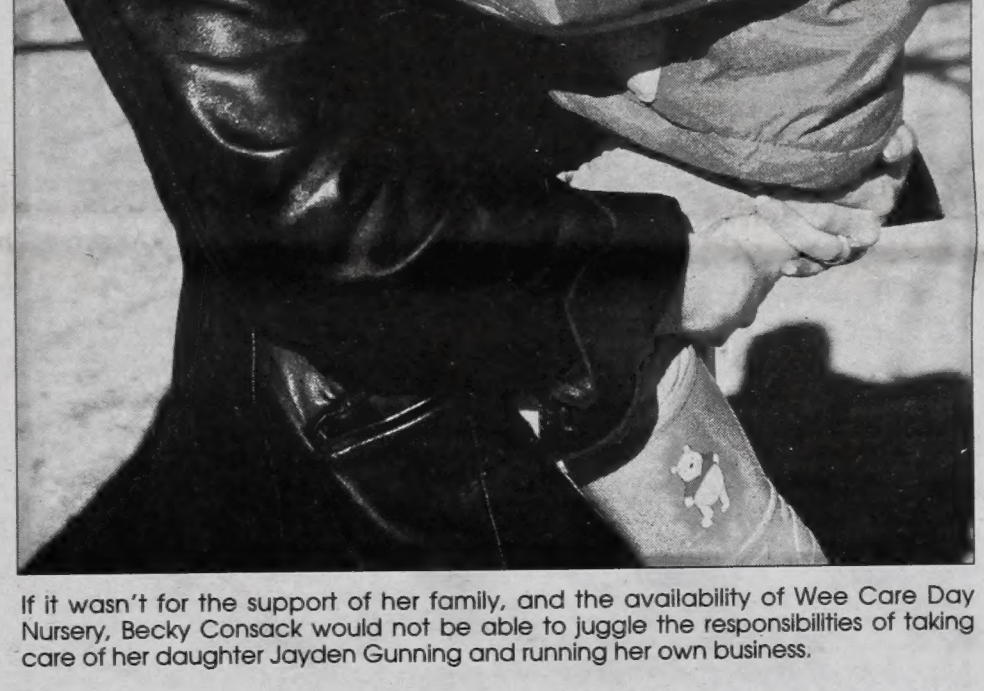
Despite the financial cost of daycare, and the precious time away from her daughter, Consack believes a career is necessary in order for her to feel complete.

"It's important to me," says Consack. "It makes me feel good about myself to put something back into the community. Being self-employed, I have four people who work for me in Kinmount and I hope to hire someone here (in Haliburton) next year. So it just feels really good. There's no way I could stay at home. I'd go crazy."

A report released in March by Statistics Canada called the participation of women in the work force as "one of the most significant social trends in Canada in the past quarter century". Almost half of the present work force is made up of women, a considerable increase from the 37 per cent of jobs they occupied in 1976.

The report also noted a "dramatic" increase in working moms with very young children. Almost two-thirds of women with children under the age of three were employed, which is more than double the percentage of 30 years ago.

Marilou Mizzan, volunteer and respite co-ordinator for Family Services of Haliburton County, says the trend is partly connected to the increased cost of living and the growing expense of raising young children. But for many moms, the workplace also provides their lives with a sense of equilibrium and a pathway for personal growth.



If it wasn't for the support of her family, and the availability of Wee Care Day Nursery, Becky Consack would not be able to juggle the responsibilities of taking care of her daughter Jayden Gunning and running her own business.

It's hard not to feel guilt when you're a working mother. You feel guilty you're not always there for your child and guilty when your child takes you away from work. Becky Consack also has to take health concerns into consideration. She has MS.

"I think it gives them a little more balance in their life," says Mizzan. "It has to do with identity, so they don't just feel like a mommy."

Many women are also hurrying back to work, says Mizzan, because of the very real fear of becoming obsolete in the workforce.

"In Haliburton, if you are out of the workplace for too long a period of time, you lose your skills. Things change so quickly, especially now in the computer age."

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Consack was back at work exactly one week after giving birth. She had purchased a business – Hazel's Income Tax Service – just days before she found out she was pregnant. By the time Jayden was born in July 2004, she had already assumed full control of the operation and its clientele, meaning time off before or after the birth was not an option. As if to facilitate her return to work, Consack was in labour for only 30 minutes before Jayden made her debut into the world.

"I didn't want to go back to work," says Consack. "I had to. I had just bought the business and I needed the money."

The thought of returning to work so soon after cutting the umbilical cord caused Consack to feel what she calls "panic". She was responsible for a small staff and was splitting time between her two offices – one in Haliburton and one in Burnt River near Kinmount. Taking care of Jayden turned out to be a weekly game of musical chairs, where responsibility alternated as work schedules permitted: On Mondays it was grandpa. On Tuesdays it was grandma. On Wednesdays, Consack would take Jayden to work in Burnt River and perch the baby in a car seat next to her desk. On Thursdays, it was daddy's turn to bring Jayden to work. Fridays were a wildcard.

Just as the patchwork arrangement was gaining synchronicity, Jayden threw a wrench in their plans by learning how to walk at only nine months of age, displaying a particular talent for scurrying away the moment you took your eyes off her. The child's evolution to homo erectus forced Consack to regularly dish out $40 a day for a professional babysitter because of the absence of an infant program at Wee Care.

(Daycare management insist the demand has traditionally been too low in Haliburton to justify an infant program, although that policy is currently under review by staff.)

But even now that Jayden is in daycare, complications haven't lessened. Jayden has chronic ear infections, and since daycare policy doesn't allow for

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There's a price to pay for any choice

A chronic ear infection means Jayden often has to be picked up early from Wee Care. If Consack can't go, she calls her extended family for help.

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sick children, she gets sent home at least once a month. This forces Consack, family, or even sometimes friends, scrambling to leave work to take Jayden to the hospital at a moment's notice.

"Just yesterday she got sent home," says Consack. "I was at Burnt River so my mom had to go get her."

Reconciling a full-time career with raising a child is a formidable task for any woman, but one made especially difficult for Consack, who has multiple sclerosis. An unpredictable disease that affects the central nervous system, it primarily manifests itself to Consack in the form of fatigue.

This especially takes its toll during tax season, when she puts Jayden to bed in the early evening, works until 10 or 11 p.m., and wakes up the next morning at 6 a.m. to start everything all over again.

"[The MS] is hard to deal with but Mike is excellent," says Consack of the support she gets from her husband-to-be. "He'll get up in the morning on the weekends with her so I can sleep in. He'll take her out on the weekends if I need a nap. He's really good, I'm really lucky."

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Jayden's had a bad day. She's crying in the daycare's outdoor playground when her mother arrives. Consack makes her way through the stream of other working parents, all in the process of greeting their own children, to embrace Jayden and hush the sobs.

A clear blue-eyed girl with a strawberry patterned dress, it's not too long before Jayden is gaily prancing around on her two little legs, which move like a motorized eggbeater. (It's obvious why Consack couldn't keep her at work once she started to walk). Jayden is scurrying back and forth to the other end of the room and bringing her mother Kleenex, one tissue at a time, over and over again.

"I do feel like I don't have as special a bond with Jayden as I would have if I had stayed at home," concedes Consack. "A lot of my friends who have children are stay-at-home moms and they just seem to do more. When I get home at night, I don't want to go out. I just want to cook dinner and do the dishes, give a bath, and go to bed. I just don't feel like I have the time, especially with the MS. My life is work and home and laundry."

A career can enhance the life of a mother but not without a cost, suggests Consack. Just like a stay-at-home mom risks losing her sense of identity, so does a working mom risk weakening the bond with her child. There's a price to pay to experience motherhood and one way or another, it gets paid.

Tanya Cowen, a supervisor at Wee Care Day Nursery who is also a working mother, says loving a career and a child at the same time inevitably means certain things get lost.

"I love my job and I love being at work but there is a lot of stuff you miss," says Cowen. "My father taught both my kids how to count and say their ABCs because I work five days a week, 40 hours a week. I miss out on a lot of teaching them things and the first time they do stuff. It's definitely hard for working moms."

Marilou Mizzan says the ideal situation for most women would be to work part-time, still have enough money to get by, and spend more time with their children. Few, however, are fortunate enough to attain this utopia.

"You always feel guilty because you miss so much, particularly if you are working full-time five days a week," says Mizzan. "That is a big chunk of the kid's life."

The sun is still brightly shining on Wee Care Day Nursery as parents and kids trickle out of the building. Consack leads Jayden to the parking lot, and in a moment when she turns away to answer a reporter's question, her daughter escapes and zips toward a nearby ravine. After a brief chase, Consack scoops her up into her arms and tells everyone it's time to go. It's going to be a long night.

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Supply teacher strike could disrupt trips

LANCE CROSSLEY
Staff Reporter

Local elementary students may have to wait until next year for their year-end field trip if supply teachers strike, says Paula Walton, a communications officer for the Trillium Lakelands District School Board.

The Trillium Lakelands Occasional Teacher Local of the Elementary Teacher's Federation of Ontario (ETFO) has been negotiating salary and working conditions with the TLDSB for months. Negotiations have been unsuccessful, and so far, no settlement has been reached.

If an agreement isn't met by the end of this week, supply teachers will strike on May 8, says Bill Martin, chief ETFO negotiator for Trillium Lakelands,

Martin says salary is the primary issue for area supply teachers. He says that on average, local supply teachers make $15 less per day than supply teachers from other boards.

TLDSB is one of three boards out of 28 that haven't reached a settlement with ETFO, says Martin.

"There's no reason for a strike. They should be able to get to the table and reach a settlement if 28 out of 31 boards can."

> *If there's going to be a strike, it will be a major disruption for students*
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> **Union's BILL MARTIN**

Birdie Murphy, principal of Wilberforce Elementary School, says a strike is "very concerning."

"I am not sure how I am going to deal with it. If I have one teacher away, I can personally cover the classroom; however, the moment more than one is away, I am stumped."

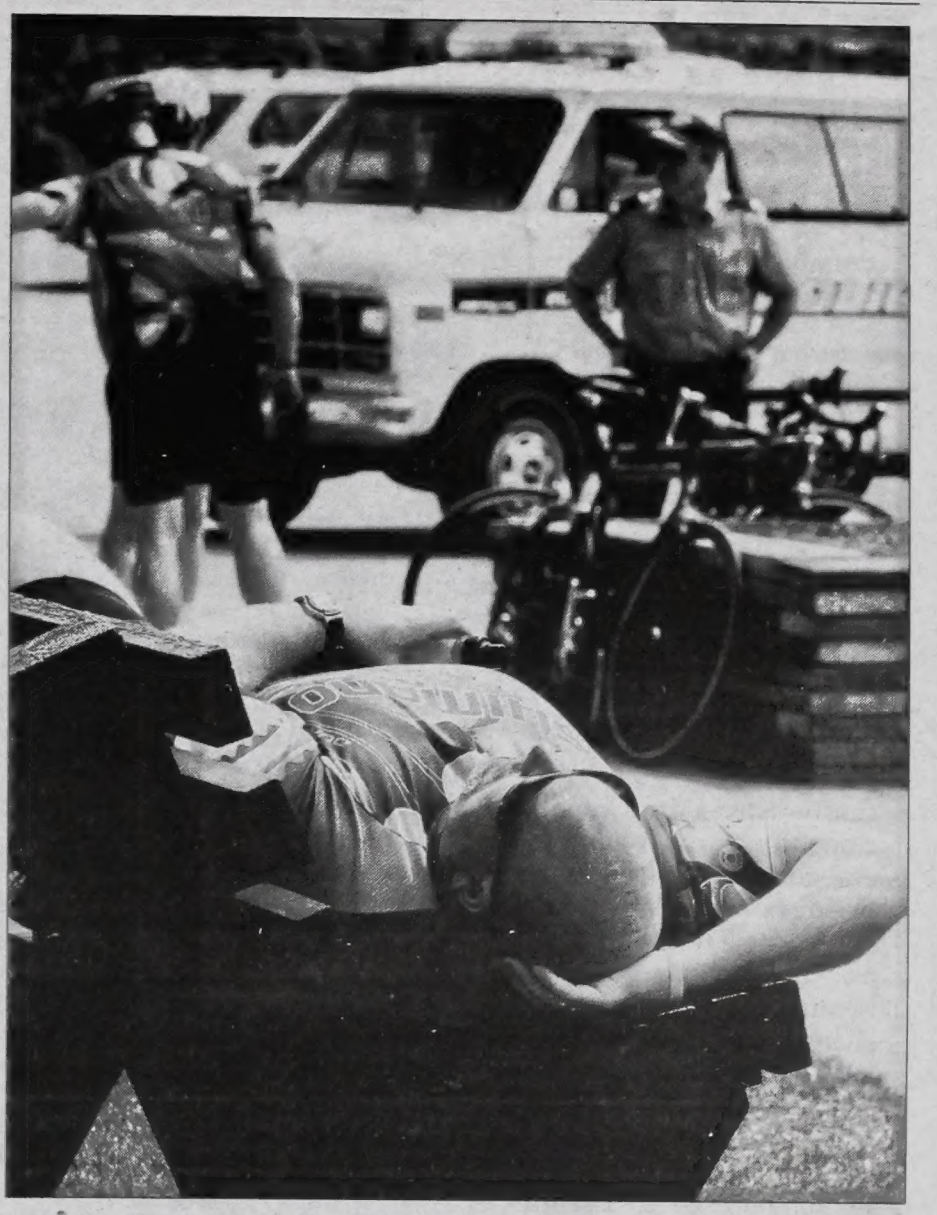
If supply teachers do strike, the school board is considering cancelling events that could require a supply teacher such as year-end trips.

Martin says this will have an upsetting effect on students both in and out of the classroom.

"There are a number of long-term supply teachers covering classes, and if there's going to a be a strike, it will be a major disruption for students."

Doris Monahan, TLDSB chairperson, says ETFO has chosen a particularly bad time to threat a strike and hopes a settlement can be reached.

"We are disappointed that ETFO has chosen to potentially disrupt end of school year activities for our students. We remain hopeful that this issue will be resolved very soon at the bargaining table."



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Cops for Cancer

Team captain John Townsend takes a break from leading the Cops for Cancer Pedal for Hope bicycle ride at Head Lake Park Monday. Officers from the region joined former NHLer John Druce in the ride to raise money. The team riding 1,100 km in three weeks and visiting 50 schools, including Wilberforce's, on Tuesday.

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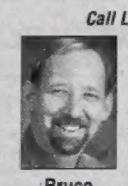
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NO ONE REALLY LIKES GOVERNMENT. Or anything related to government. Think taxes. Think bureaucracy and lots of paper work. What is there left to like?

At census time it's tempting to get mad at government for prying into our personal affairs. We question whether Ottawa has the right to know such things about us. And if the answer is "not at all" we put the census form into a convenient "forgotten" pile.

echo **editorial** *martha perkins*

Flash back a couple of years when the data from the last census, in 2001, was made available. Haliburton County was listed as having a drop in population, causing huge consternation among local politicians. Not only did they think the information was wrong but they also worried about its implications. If census listed a drop in population there would be a corresponding drop in funding, and not just from the federal government. The province also uses census data to decide how to divvy up its pool of resources.

In the next few weeks, every Canadian adult will be asked to fill out a census form. Take the time to do it because the information is very important. It will help shape government policy, determine funding levels and tell us all about what it means to be Canadian in 2006. The ways this information can be used are endless.

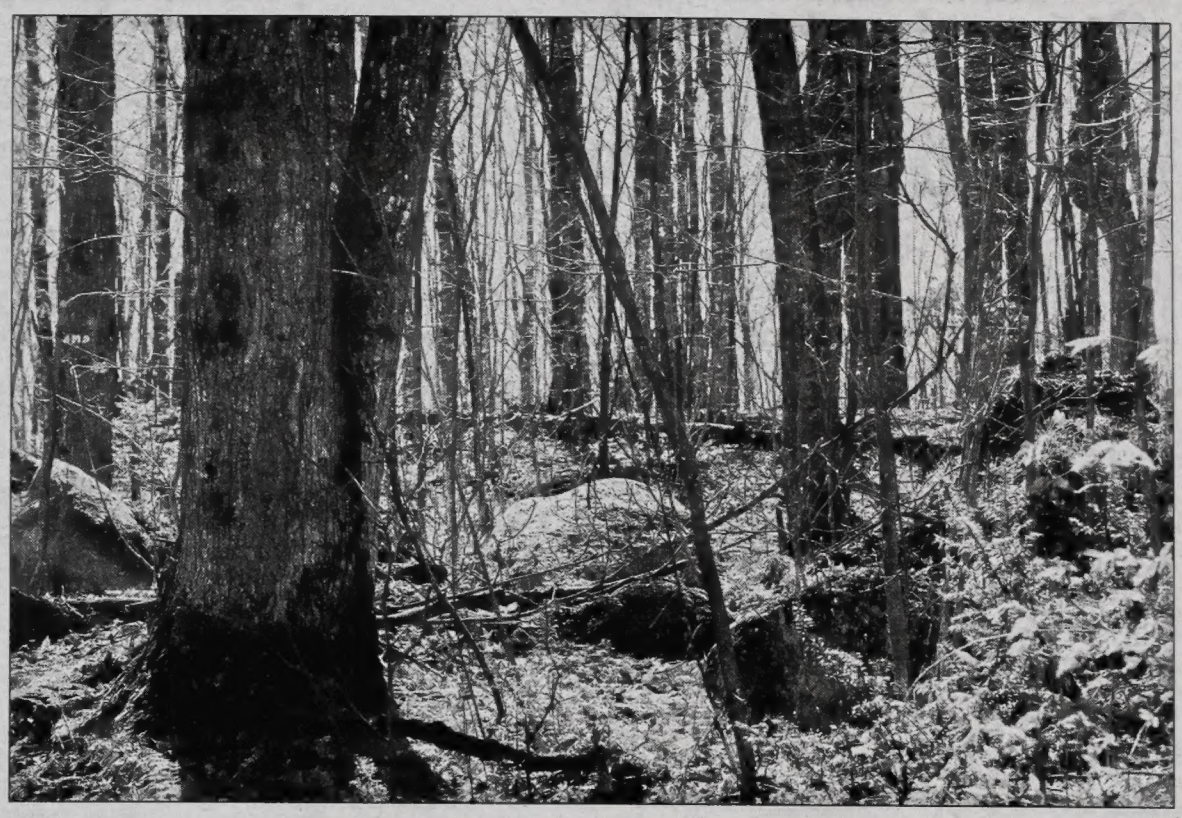
New this year is a little box that you're asked to check off if you agree to having your personal census information released in 92 years. Genealogy groups fear that people will see this as a huge invasion of privacy and refuse permission. They desperately want people to agree to having the information be made available to future history seekers.

Think of all the books about Haliburton County's history that tell us that John Smith owned three horses and a blacksmith shop back in 1874. We get a picture – not wide in scope but telling nonetheless – of what life was like in a bygone age thanks to the census data. John Smith's great-grandchildren get to climb the branches of their family tree using this information as their foothold. If John Smith was listed in 1874 but not in 1870, that gives you an idea of when he moved. You know who he married and how many children he had.

By the turn of the next century, however, privacy issues had begun to take hold and people were assured that their census information would remain private. Genealogists would later have to fight to get the government to disclose the information and as a result, Bill S-18 was passed to allow all census records from 1911 to 2005 to be turned over the libraries and Archives Canada 92 years after collection. With this census, people have to say whether they agree to have this year's census information released 92 years from now.

Why should we care one way or another? The answer, either way, is that we will be dead in 92 years. For those who see the move as an invasion of privacy, we shouldn't therefore mind that people can find out where we lived and whether we were married and had children. For others who are ambivalent imagine that your grandchildren get into a spat and contact with family is broken off. Their children might want to find out more about their ancestors and where they came from. Maybe it's simply that they didn't bother to ask their own grandparents questions about their childhood and family and need the census info to fill out the blanks. The reasons for the information are endless.

It doesn't hurt to fill out the census. In fact, it helps a lot.



Before the leaves *Photo by* CASEY LESSARD/ECHO

Post ice. Pre black fly.

ross jarvis **two-eight-six**

AS GREAT AS IT IS HERE for getting out and enjoying the great outdoors, there are two very distinct, and unfortunately short, seasons within the seasons that are just absolutely, positively perfect.

One is in the Spring during those very short few of weeks just after the ice departs the lakes and the arrival of the first black fly. The sun's heat is strengthening, waking the countryside and inviting you to stroll, unbundled, un-booted, through the renewing forest and hear not a buzz nor slap as you amble at your own pace—never once rushed by the ambush of blood-thirsty critters on the wing. This is a time when you can open your cottage door and not rush to close it against the swarm. A time when you can sit around a campfire sans Deet long into the evening.

But once the black flies fly, serenity is over. The moment you feel that first chomp from their biting and chewing mouth parts, it's all over for us until the fall, because these guys are persistent. There are hundreds of different kinds of black fly in Canada, and most of them don't bother with us. Of course that doesn't matter because the ones that do bite, the ones named Simulium Venustum by some scientist (which may be the reason they bite us) are all over Canada as well. Their job is to bite animals who happen to breathe out Carbon Dioxide. Which includes us.

So our perfect pre-summer season becomes just a little less perfect thanks to these little monsters. They bug us (pardon) in several ways before they decide to put the bite on us. They buzz around our eyes. They land and then just take off again. They start biting more as the sun goes down. Happily they don't bite after sundown, or if they find themselves inside your house or your car; they feel trapped and spend their time trying to escape.

They also appear to like dark colours over light colours – so stay away from purple shirts or dark blue socks if you don't want to be on the 'must visit' list for the little black devils. Another tip is to tuck your jeans into your socks to keep the little crawlers from moving in for dinner. Not only does this protect you from being eaten alive from the ground up, it makes a very distinctive fashion statement.

Luckily, the black fly season only lasts for a couple of weeks and then they disappear, having deposited enough eggs to ensure another season of misery for the woodsy folk. And having taken their leave, they give way to you-know-who. Mrs. Mosquito. And her sisters. Even more annoying and they bite you all day and all night, inside and out; in your car and anywhere else you might be during June, July and some of August.

Which brings us to the other great Season-Within-A-Season. It occupies that gorgeous time of year between the last mosquito and the first snowflake. Probably the nicest time of year in the world. Sunny days, no humidity, crisp nights, brilliant fall colours, The World Series and the first hockey game. Who could ask for anything more?

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Where the boys are

Tales from **Vinegar Hill**

steve galea

I JUST GOT OFF THE PHONE with my high-pitched buddy Tom. Tom isn't normally high-pitched but the other day he was playing football with his son when Gordie punted the ball to his old man. Apparently, everyone concerned forgot that Tom is middle-aged and therefore not nearly as graceful or co-ordinated as he used to be. You might remember last year's column on him when he managed to be the first man in history to put a pork chop bone through his foot.

Anyways, the good news is that Tom caught the football; the bad news is he caught it just below the belt. Needless to say, the old pigskin was tough, but the football was tougher.

This sort of thing happens needlessly thousands of times each spring to middle-aged men who are trying to relive their glory days. And if this column serves any purpose at all it will be to prevent this sad and needless slaughter. Let's face it, in a very real sense this is comparable to the seal hunt. The only difference is that the victims are on ice only afterwards. The fact that no celebrities pose for photos with them doesn't negate the cause either; it merely proves that they're not as cute and cuddly as a baby seal - which, frankly, comes as no big surprise to anyone.

But enough of that, let's get right down to prevention shall we?

First of all, I think it's incumbent upon all men to understand the physics of the forces in play here. Einstein expressed it best with the simple formula E=MC2 which, in plain English, means, Eeowwww! equals My Crotch squared. I think this is self-explanatory.

I'm no physics professor but even I can see that, in this case, for every action there is an equal and opposite reaction. The trick is to avoid the action by covering up. It's no coincidence that God gave us two hands you know…

Admittedly, not much is written on this delicate subject. Fortunately, I'm an acknowledged expert on the matter having suffered several thousand grievous injuries during my stint as a street hockey goalie. In fact my research has been cited in several psychological journals.

Before I move on with this dissertation, however, I should say that if anything formed our national character, it is this one simple act of mindless sacrifice. Every winter thousands of brave Canadian boys take frozen tennis balls for the team just so the score will remain 54 to 12. The reward is subtle: your teammates pat you on the back, not so much for encouragement as to help jiggle things back in place.

Though it's not pretty, I have to believe this is why we're so tolerant as a nation and willing to take the same sort of treatment repeatedly from successive governments. It also explains our relatively low population.

Of course, this is not strictly the domain of the Canadians. The Scots were the one's who coined the phrase "a stone's throw away" and I can't help but think that even the games of billiards, soccer, baseball, and especially croquet took inspiration from these unfortunate natural occurrences.

But do we men wear this important contribution to the world's culture like a badge of honour? No, we do not. This is unfortunate since this is probably the only story we have that can rival a woman's description of the pain of childbirth. And not to brag, but we're talking twins here.

No, sir, despite the wonder of it all, Tom would have kept whimpering heroically to himself had he even the slightest suspicion that I needed a good laugh.

But, like most men, after the incident he needed support. He also needed to speak of the pain he felt and then of all the things that he didn't feel for several hours. He needed to tell someone how relieved he was when his eyes finally uncrossed. And he longed to brag about how Gordie laughed bravely in the face of it all.

Like all real men, Tom walked it off and will quite possibly still be walking it off next Saturday. Shortly afterwards, he did take the standard normal precautions such as checking his Adam's Apple for additional fruit and emptying his pockets. By next week, however, this will just be another one of those cherished father-son moments.

The truth is I'm proud of my buddy for handling a difficult situation so well. After all, this is the sort of injury that separates the boys from the men...

pic of the past

THIS WEEK'S PHOTO shows the Grade 9 class at the West Guilford Consolidated School in 1938. In those days, the school went only to Grade 10. From left are Evelyn Scott, Doreen Barry, Nina LaRue, Bernard Sisson (who passed away recently), Effie Barry, Berniece Cooper and Joan Griffin. Our thanks to Ev (Scott) Stata, the only one who still lives in the Highlands, for sharing this memory with us.

letters to the editor

ATV club offers reward for info

To the Editor:

The Haliburton ATV Association regrets the encounter that Katie Woodward had with an aggressive ATVer on the rail trail, one who is alleged to have intentionally set out to spook her horse. As we have said repeatedly, the Haliburton ATV Association supports responsible riding and use of the rail trail only from June 1 to November 30. We do not endorse irresponsible behaviour that puts the safety of others in jeopardy.

To this end, we are offering a $200 reward for information that leads to the police apprehension of the individual responsible for such negligent behaviour so that an investigation can be conducted. At the very least, the ATVer is guilty of trespassing on the rail trail at this time of year. He entered the rail trail from the municipal yard and is described as young, possibly between the ages of 19 and 21, riding a bright red new-looking ATV, and carrying a yellow backpack. If anyone has any information, please call 489-3878.

HATVA is only one of the stakeholders using the rail trail. We do warden it as best we can with the limited number of volunteers that we have. At this time of year it is particularly difficult. We must sit stationary in our cars at designated spots while offenders ride the trail. We cannot always be where they are riding. In addition, ATVs are not the only motorized vehicles on this trail, though between June 1st and November 30, they are the only vehicle authorized to use it. We have seen and stopped cars, trucks and motorcycles. Unless they have a permit from the county, these vehicles are not allowed to use the rail trail either.

We will continue to endeavor to educate riders about county rules and responsible ATVing. Please help us by passing the message along. We would also welcome any volunteers who would like to help make riding in this county an enjoyable and trouble-free pastime.

Bob Johnson
President of Haliburton ATV Association

All businesses benefit from snowmobiling

To the Editor:

Re: Snowmobile trails at risk of closing, April 25, 2006

I make my living in the snowmobile industry and am moving my business the Huntsville area full-time this summer. I have been involved in a lot of volunteer situations in racing over the past two-plus decades and it is very true that a few volunteers do the work for many members. Eventually those few get burnt out and if there is no one to step up then the organization will cease to operate.

All the local area businesses benefit from tourism regardless of the time of year and if it were not for snowmobilers a lot of the businesses wouldn't exist; a lot of them would go out of business because they couldn't sustain the loss of income for a three- or four-month period. These businesses that survive or rely on snowmobilers do in fact need to step up to the plate and help

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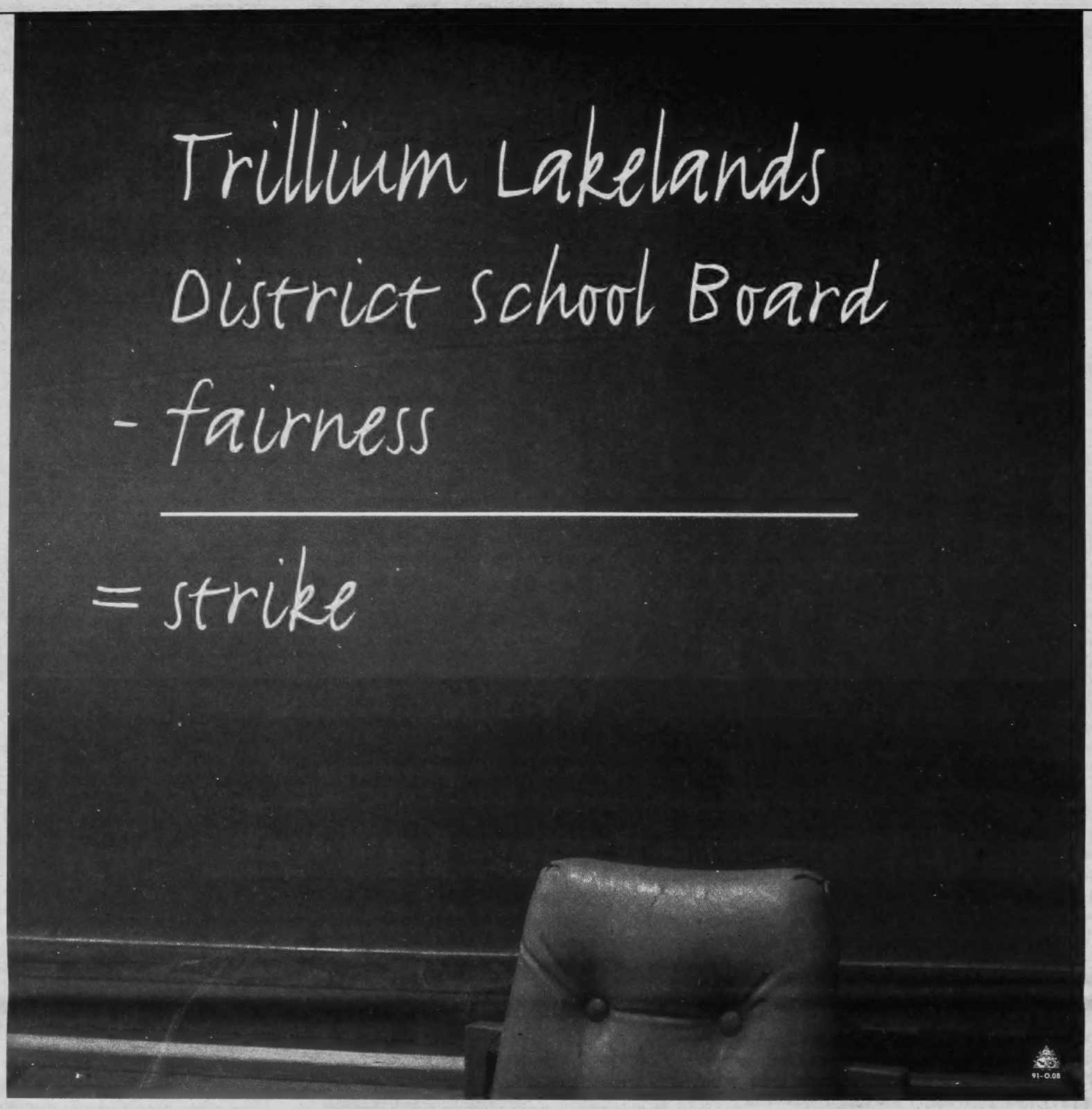

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- Occasional teachers should be assigned the timetable of the teachers being replaced. They must be treated as professionals, and not be ordered to perform tasks that the teachers they are substituting for would not otherwise be required to perform.

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Gushue an inspiration to young curlers

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demand across the country ever since. (He even made an appearance at the Juno awards.) In the process he has grown into an instant celebrity, a role he graciously plays out – as is evident by his pleasant demeanour with his Haliburton fans – but one that he believes is temporary.

"Our kind of celebrity is pretty fleeting," he says of his team. "After the hype of a gold medal wears off things will slowly go back to normal. But you get a good taste of what the NHL players and the movie stars have to deal with on a daily basis."

Gushue's hectic schedule is managed with the help of his sports psychologist and his agent, although this particular visit was facilitated by his mother, who received a call from curling club president Chester Howse.

Howse, also a native of St. John's, says the visit is "good for curling and it's good for the town of Haliburton," says Howse. "Hopefully it will generate some interest here and as a result we'll get some new members. He's a very personable and nice young man. So we're glad he's here."

Wendy Vermeersch, a member of the curling club for the past four years, says Gushue's level of success at such a young age sets a particularly good example for young curlers in Haliburton.

"He should be a real inspiration to the kids because we have some really good young curlers here," says Vermeersch. "(Gushue) started really young and I think that's a real inspiration."

Gushue says he hasn't had much time for curling since the Olympics, but his team plans to start training for the 2010 Vancouver Games next week. In the meantime, he says, he is just trying to get used to the demands of the limelight.

Two of the founding members of the Haliburton Curling Club, Phyllis Woodcock and Bunny Scott, didn't have any trouble smiling for the camera when Olympic curler Brad Gushue, holding his gold medal, was standing between them.

"You can't have a bad move or an off day," says Gushue, who is getting married this September. "If you're in a bad mood, then everybody's going to know about it so you have to be on you best behaviour. People are excited to meet you so you want to put your best foot forward, because if someone has come a long way to meet you or is excited to meet you, you don't want to be in one of those moods. You want to show them who you are and what you are normally like. It's different but it is a lot of fun, although it's probably not something I want to do for the rest of my life. But I'm enjoying it right now."

Gushue's flight from Newfoundland arrived in Toronto at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, where he was picked up by Howse. After signing autographs for the afternoon, Gushue was guest speaker at a special dinner put on at the Bonnie View Inn, where he slept. The next day he was gone.

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Land Trust inventory an important database

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust, I would like to thank you for your recent article in *The Echo* on our Natural Heritage Mapping and Inventory Project. We appreciate any interest in our organization.

In addition to the work done (and being done) by Trent University students through ULinks, the Haliburton County Development Corporation provided funding that allowed us to hire Brenda Van Sleeuwen, a GIS/ecosystem management technologist, to catalogue, inventory and analyze various natural resource datasets obtained from the Ministry of Natural Resources.

I should clarify that we have not focused on wetlands, as suggested in the article, because of work already done and ongoing by the county. The objectives of the inventory have simply been to make existing natural heritage datasets (such as NRVIS and LIDS) more relevant to the Haliburton Highlands. For example, do we know how much shoreline exists in Haliburton? Do we know how much is in private or public ownership? Do we know what kind of habitat is associated with the shoreline? Do we know all the species that live, migrate through, or breed in the county? What species, habitats, and ecosystems are rare or at risk in the county? These are only some of the questions we're asking. As the article suggested, it is an open file but we're making progress.

These questions, when answered, will provide the community with tools to make better land use decisions and to plan for the future but it will be up to individual land owners to approach the Land Trust to secure protection for land through either easements or donations of land. Knowing more about the spatial distribution and characteristics of natural heritage in the county will provide individual parcels of land with context that will help both the community and the land trust evaluate their significance according to various criteria.

Fleming College generously donated office space, computer resources, and other in-kind support for this project and the Land Trust is currently in the process of preparing a report of our findings from the first stage of this project. Those interested in learning more about the project or about the tax benefits from land donations or easements, or about land trusts in general are encouraged to attend our Annual General Meeting, June 10th, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., Fleming College, Haliburton. For more information contact the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust, a federally-registered charity, at 754-2532, info@haliburtonlandtrust.org.

Brent Wootton, Board Director
Haliburton Highlands Land Trust

First response should be called

To the Editor:

If you require the assistance of the First Response Team in Highlands East, please follow these instructions. Dial 911 and when given the choices of fire, ambulance or police ask for fire. Once connected to fire tell them that you need First Response and an ambulance. As I understand it, this is the only way that our First Response Team will be called in to action.

It is difficult to comprehend why the services of our First Response Team are not automatically being utilized by asking for an ambulance. Minutes count in a medical emergency and our well-trained team is ready and willing to respond, so why not have them dispatched? We need to know why they are not being called out!

Although I have taken numerous first aid courses over the years, there is no way that my amount of knowledge would in any small way compare to the years of training and experience of our First Responders. Could Chief Don Middleton's suggestion to Janet Barker that she take a first aid course be his way of saying "Get used to it, medical aid will be coming all the way from Haliburton (if they're in town) from now on?" If that's the case there aare going to be a lot of lives needlessly lost.

Linda Nottage
Wilberforce

Editor's note: The advice expressed in this letter is not the official position of the 911 department.

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the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association. If they let it die some of them will die along with it.

With that said I would also like to comment about a couple of snowmobile associations in the area that I am in. Twice I left phone messages and three times I e-mailed this club wanting to advertise on their trail map. I guess that they didn't need any sponsor/advertiser money to help support their group because no one returned my phone calls or e-mails. The other snowmobile group in our area has an annual poker run and the same thing happened there; I left phone messages and sent e-mails wanting to donate product and advertise on their trail map and website and no one got back to me.

These clubs receive a portion of the funds from Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs trail passes based on the number of kilometers that they groom. Trail 85 from the C trail to Muskoka Road 2 was not groomed once after the end of January. The trail signage and trail identification numbers are almost non-existent. Either they do not have enough volunteers or they do not want to spend the funds to do these things. I can't afford the time to volunteer for these clubs so I make my offer to them through other means, either advertising or sponsorship and it seems that they don't want that either.

This issue is a two-sided sword and it is created not only by the lack of volunteers and funds but also by the lack of some businesses trying to do the same as I do or maybe they are in the same boat that I am and no one in the group they approach really cares anyway.

Bill Cudney
Cudney Racing

More memories of Curry Motors circa 1948

To the Editor:

I hear that the old Curry Motors building may be coming down. It's had quite a long run.

My dad built it around 1948. I remember because new cars were hard to get after the war, and Dad was able to move up in the queue by building the garage. The car was a 1948 Chevrolet 'Stylemaster', I believe, and replaced our 1932 Chevrolet which had provided the three of us (brothers Bill and Pete and I); and few others, with transportation to Fenelon Falls for our high school education.

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Two letters, one writer: praise for council; a blast for Harper

To the Editor:

It is not often that I take the time to congratulate our politicians on a decision that they have made. However, this is an exception.

I would like to publicly thank the Haliburton County councillors for voting to borrow $1 million in order to lessen the potentially huge and inequitable tax hikes for waterfront property owners (as recently reported by Lance Crossley).

Cottagers in particular have the impression that they are usually thought of as Cash Cows or Golden Geese. Since we provide the bulk of municipal tax revenue yet receive very few, if any, municipal services, we have usually felt mistreated at tax time.

That feeling is changing, thanks to the county councillors. I hope that this newfound mutual respect is something that continues to flourish.

Once again, thank you councillors.

Dennis Choptiany
Koshlong Lake

To the Editor:

The most important hallmark of a free and open society is not whether it has democratic elections, but whether is has an unfettered press. If journalists are prevented from investigating and reporting on events, then the public cannot know what is happening. On the other hand, if journalists are given a free hand to report on the progress and foibles in our society, then and only then will people know what is really going on and the powerbrokers (both public and private) will be held accountable for their actions.

Canadians can accept the return to historical protocol regarding the lowering of flags in honour of our fallen soldiers. But the recent edict from Stephen Harper that bars the press from attending the arrival of the Canadian soldiers who were killed in Afghanistan is another matter. It is an affront to the relatives of these soldiers and to our freedom.

If Harper continues to emulate the practices of George Bush, then Canadians will naturally follow the example of our American friends and closely question the motives and actions of their leader. George can withstand his low approval rating of 37 per cent because he was elected to be President until 2008. Stephen does not have that much time and must strive to win the support of Canadians.

Will he learn from this recent mistake, or will he suffer the same fate as Paul Martin in the next election? The choice is his.

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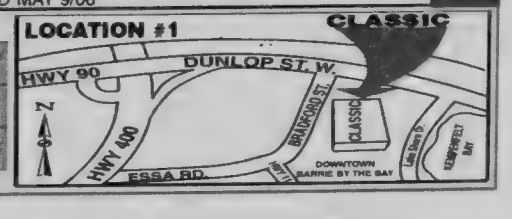

Are your mirrors adjusted?

Changing bad habits

Do you think your mirrors are correctly adjusted? Do you have to turn your head and lose sight of what's ahead to change lanes? If the answer is yes, you must change your habits since one moment of inattention could cause an accident!

Is there a right way to adjust mirrors? Yes! Current driving experts now recommend adjusting the rearview mirror so that it covers the rear window. Then, the driver's side mirror should take in the view from the extreme left of the rearview mirror's image, while the passenger side mirror must pick up the view from the right of the rearview mirror. Once it's set up, the driver won't have to turn his head more than a few centimetres.

If you've never tried this method, you may feel uncomfortable at first. This method, it's true, requires a certain amount of practice. And there will still be some blind spots, especially in vehicles where the roof design doesn't provide easy visibility all around. That's where a small round mirror that can be attached to the outside mirror can help. It will provide a more "panoramic" view of what's behind the car. This type of mirror is especially practical for trucks when the rear window is blocked by a load, the truck cap or a trailer.

Whatever happens, remember that if you can see the sides of your vehicle in your exterior mirrors, they are certain to be incorrectly adjusted. New adjustments will require a certain period of ... adjustment. But it is worth the effort.

The passenger side mirror must pick up the view from the right of the rearview mirror.

Rims maintenance

Most modern vehicles come with superb rims. Like the rest of the car, they require a bit of maintenance. Unfortunately, they are too often neglected, especially if you have the habit of washing your car at a car wash. The rotating brushes and the high pressure jets don't necessarily provide an in-depth cleaning for wheels.

This is where special products and special brushes will be helpful, especially in the spring. In fact, winter will have left traces of salt in the spokes of the rim and only conscientious human intervention can really clean it.

And even if your small economical car isn't equipped with nice rims, it will still have painted steel rims that will be damaged in the long run. These wheels can be easily repainted with spray cans that you will find at car dealers or auto parts stores. Before repainting, you must sand the wheels, clean them, and perhaps even straighten out the edges (where there is major damage, consult an expert in rim restoration!). Tape well around the tire if the rim isn't removed. Don't believe that paint won't stick to tires. It will!

If your nice, aluminum-base rims are damaged, it's best to consult a company with expertise in straightening a bent wheel or repairing a broken rim. But the damage should be relatively moderate. There's no miracle that can fix wheels when a whole flange is missing!

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When travelling with children be prepared

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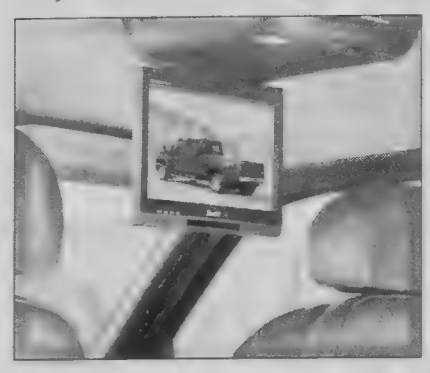
How do you deal with the situation? In fact, it's not difficult. First, it's generally a good idea to stop regularly to let children stretch their legs (even if this delays the arrival time by about an hour). Then there are a variety of easy games which the children can try out during the long periods on the vacation highway. Before leaving, visit a store specializing in children's games. We suggest, of course, simple games that are easy to understand and play, usually charades and guessing games.



For young teens it's less difficult, as they generally bring their music, and fall asleep with it. But younger children need more attention. Selecting the right music that will please all passengers (including the driver) isn't easy. What if you choose fairy tales or short stories read by a comedian? And why not one of those funny recorded monologues that children like to listen to again and again! For vehicles equipped with a DVD player or VCR and a small television installed in the ceiling, choose films with care. But be careful, some children may develop travel sickness from watching TV this way. Be sure to bring the right medicine with you.

Finally, avoid sweet or greasy foods, like pop and chips. Fresh juice, small pieces of cheese, vegetables, even small, carefully selected sandwiches will be better for them...if you don't want your little passengers to become ill.

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So that your vehicle consumes the least energy possible, maintenance must be looked at, starting with a verification of tire pressure. An underinflated tire will cause enough friction to create a higher gas consumption.

Then, despite the fact that modern cars and trucks require less maintenance than ever, if the vehicle has several years of use, it would be wise to do an inspection. For more recent vehicles, changing air filters will help. As well, at the next oil change, opt for a lighter weight of oil, such as 5W30, which demands less effort than the thicker 10W30 oil.

If your car's trunk is full of more or less useful items, including winter accessories, empty it. All this dead weight will not help with fuel savings. Finally, change how you drive. Agressive behaviour behind the wheel will show in higher gas consumption. Try to combine your various tasks to avoid using the car or truck several times in a day. And if errands can be done on foot or by bike, take advantage of the chance for some exercise ... and save fuel!

What should you do if your engine overheats?

Modern vehicles come with a generally complete instrument panel that includes an engine temperature gauge. Do you cast an eye at it from time to time? It's usually in the spring that older cars and trucks start to overheat.

If you can make it to a service station, there's a good chance that the mechanic will discover a defective radiator that needs replacement. How does he know this, especially since it isn't leaking? By simply touching the fins between the tubes. If they are soft or flake off easily, there's nothing else to do. It needs a new or rebuilt radiator.

But if the problem occurs while you are on the road or on vacation, and the radiator will last a few more kilometres, first reduce the engine heat by turning the heater fan on high. The small radiator in the heating system could dissipate a bit of the heat. Open the windows wide! If you can increase the engine speed (while travelling, rather than slowing down) and you notice a slight reduction, try to continue your trip. And if you really must continue your trip, do it at night when it is cooler (only if the gauge remains at a reasonable level). But once you arrive, don't delay and above all, don't believe that it will fix itself.

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Transporting large items with caution

The roof rack on an SUV or minivan has limits, don't over load your cargo.

Not everyone hopes to preserve a car or truck as a future museum piece, or a collector's item. To the contrary, most motorists use their vehicle as a tool... often abusing it. For example, how many times do you see a small car or truck that is completely overloaded?

All vehicles have a limit and often enough, it's not only weight. That's why if you plan on regularly transporting "bulky" items (like a sailboard, for example), consult specialists who can advise you on the appropriate racks. The problem is less obvious with a pick-up truck (even though you must still place cargo properly) while with SUVs or minivans, the owner will almost certainly use the roof rack. Again, be careful! There is always a sticker to indicate the maximum load the rack can carry.

For most occasional travellers, the addition of a luggage rack on the roof of a small car is the ideal solution. But once more, be careful not to overload it! And make sure that everything is well placed! Above all, change how you drive. Be less abrupt and check your load regularly. Be doubly careful on very windy days since a load on the roof will be hit even harder by the wind!

Car care is a win-win!

For most Canadians, driving a vehicle has become a necessity. Many Canadians are concerned about the environmental affects this can have. Many wonder how can we teach our children to value the environment and still depend on our vehicle? The answer is through regular vehicle maintenance, or Car Care, says Car Care Canada.

Properly maintaining your vehicle is a win-win situation. Besides helping the environment, a properly maintained and operated vehicle runs more efficiently and economically, is after, and should last up to 50% longer. The following tips can put you on the road to environmentally conscious car care.

Keep your engine tuned-up – a misfiring spark plug can reduce fuel efficiency by as much as 30%. Follow the service schedules listed in the owner's manual. Replace filters and fluids as recommended. You'll help cut down on air pollution too.

Check tires for proper inflation. Under-inflated tires waste fuel because the engine has to work harder. Similarly, wheels that are not properly aligned (as evidenced by the uneven tire tread of vehicle pulling) also rob energy. And, properly maintained tires last longer, meaning fewer scrap tires have to be disposed of.

Do-it-yourselfers should dispose of used motor oil, anti-freeze/coolant, tires, and old batteries properly. Many repair facilities accept these items, and many of these items are now recycled. Call your local government for recycling sites. Never dump used oil or anti-freeze on the ground, in your local sewage system, or in streams.

If you are not a do-it-yourselfer, find a good automotive technician. Ask friends and associates for recommendations. Check the shop's reputation with your local consumer group.

Keep your air conditioner in top condition and have it serviced only by an automotive service technician certified competent to handle/recycle refrigerants. Air conditioners contain CFCs and other gases that have been implicated in the depletion of the ozone layer. These gases can escape during improper service and repair, so it is important to choose a qualified technician.

Good driving habits are also important. You can get the most out of your vehicle while minimizing environmental damage. Here are some fuels saving tips:

- Observe speed limits. Fuel consumption rises sharply with high speed.
- Drive gently. Avoid sudden accelerations and jerky stop-and-go actions. Use cruise control on open highways to keep speed as steady as possible
- Avoid excessive idling. Shut of the engine while waiting for friends or family. Today's vehicles are designed to "warm-up" fast, so forget about those five-minutes warm-ups on chilly spring or fall mornings. One minute should be enough.
- Remove excess items from the vehicle less weight means better mileage.
- Plan trips. Consolidate daily errands to eliminate unnecessary driving. Try to travel when traffic is light to avoid stop-and-go conditions. Join a car pool.

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Not everyone hopes to preserve a car or truck as a future museum piece, or a collector's item. To the contrary, most motorists use their vehicle as a tool... often abusing it. For example, how many times do you see a small car or truck that is completely overloaded?

All vehicles have a limit and often enough, it's not only weight. That's why if you plan on regularly transporting "bulky" items (like a sailboard, for example), consult specialists who can advise you on the appropriate racks. The problem is less obvious with a pick-up truck (even though you must still place cargo properly) while with SUVs or minivans, the owner will almost certainly use the roof rack. Again, be careful! There is always a sticker to indicate the maximum load the rack can carry.

For most occasional travellers, the addition of a luggage rack on the roof of a small car is the ideal solution. But once more, be careful not to overload it! And make sure that everything is well placed! Above all, change how you drive. Be less abrupt and check your load regularly. Be doubly careful on very windy days since a load on the roof will be hit even harder by the wind! Ahh, summer, Warm days, drives in the countryside, picnics on the beach. And road construction. There you are, stuck in traffic and it's a sweltering 32°C. Fortunately, with your air conditioning on, it's a comfortable 24°C inside the car. For many people, air conditioning is a "must have" option.

Air conditioning works on the principle that evaporating fluid takes heat out of the air. The refrigerant vapour is first compressed to liquefy it, then it evaporates. This chills and dehumidifies the air coming into the car.

The refrigerant that has been used with great success over the years has been Freon, or R-12. However, R-12, as a chlorofluorocarbon (CFC), has been partly responsible for depletion of the ozone layer. In the last couple of years, car manufacturers have converted to R-134a, a hydrofluorocarbon (HFC) that is much less harmful to the environment.

If you have an older car, it may be possible to convert your air conditioning to R-134a. Ask your car service provider about conversion kits. If not, you should be aware that R-12 is no longer being manufactured. While stocks are available, their use is tightly controlled and a great deal of care is taken to prevent leaks and spills to protect the ozone layer. A number of provinces completely prohibit the use of R-12.

You should have your air conditioning system checked at least once a year to make sure it has no leaks, seals and belts are in good shape, and it's running efficiently. As it cools, the air conditioning system also take moisture out of the air. The air conditioning is usually coupled with the windshield defrost so that is will clear the window more quickly.

There is always a concern when you walk towards your car and see a pool of something underneath. In summer, don't panic – your air conditioner takes water out of the air, and it drains onto the ground. So if you have been driving with the air conditioning on, and then you park, you will probably see the water draining from the air conditioner as you walk away and a puddle under your car when you return.

If the puddle doesn't look like water, then it's okay to panic.

Some people are concerned about the fuel economy penalty of air conditioning. It's true that when you use the air conditioning at full blast in city driving, you pay a price – perhaps as much as a 15 - 20% increase in your fuel consumption.

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Local politicians want HCSA to try to find solutions first

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important to his winter business, it's getting harder and harder to rely on the money it brings in. Winter didn't really start this year until February and last year was poor, too. The year before that was excellent but you can't bank on years like that. Fluctuating weather patterns mean that the snow base isn't reliable.

"It's hit and miss," he says. "I'd never go to the bank with snowmobile money in my pocket."

Gas stations make very little money on gas itself; it's the sundries that people buy, such as pop and cigarettes, that make the business viable. If the trails were closed, Tibbitts says, "I'm sure it would cut into my revenue. I'd hate to see snowmobiling end."

Although snowmobilers are not part of the Domain of Killien's client base, innkeeper Jean-Edouard de Marenches sees many benefits to the HCSA's trails staying open.

The HCSA has invested a lot of money in recent years to trail signage, and it's those signs which steer snowmobilers away from private property. If the trails are closed, people from outside the county won't know where to go "and you will find lost snowmobilers all over private lands," Marenches says.

The HCSA needs more people, especially those who benefit from snowmobiling, either as business people or trail riders, to offer to help. But in Haliburton County, the realities of being a small business owner make it difficult to commit time to the organization.

Schvartz says he already works 12 hours a day, seven days a week. If he was to volunteer, it could only be for administrative duties; he doesn't have the time to do anything such as trail maintenance. Tibbitts and his wife Rose, who works at the gas station, too, are taking their first weekend off together in 13 years so they can make a quick trip to Vancouver to visit a friend.

Tibbitts contributes to the HCSA by selling trail permits, a task that's become more time-consuming in recent years. When he's got 15 Americans wanting to buy three day passes each for a weekend of riding, it's a lot of work.

Scott de Savoye at Delta Pinestone says it's already hard enough to find staff to be able to commit people to helping the HCSA. "Human resources capital up here is pretty thin at the best of times."

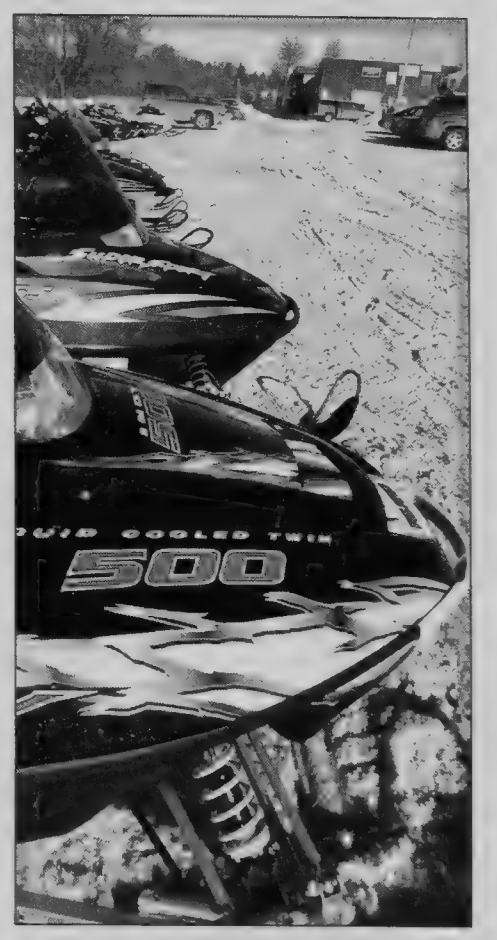
He says "Sometimes the government needs to step up to the plate but they don't have the resources either."

"We don't have any money," says Reeve Harrison. "In years gone by we've helped with different projects. Whether we have a role to play in hiring people to groom trails remains to be seen. Before the trails are closed it should come to the table to be discussed. But our budgets are tight so I don't know how we can help."

Fearrey says that he wants to see if the club can attract more volunteers before suggesting what role municipal governments might play.

"Let's see what transpires and if nothing transpires we'll have to sit down and look at what our options are.

"There's fatigue there [in the HCSA] but it's pretty typical of what happens in volunteer organizations. There's a very few people in this community carrying most of the volunteer load."



Although the weather is fickle, when snow comes to the Highlands, so too do the snowmobiles, fueling the winter economy.

He says that if too many business people are too busy to help the club, they'll find themselves with a lot of time on their hands in the winter if the trails close.

The HCSA's annual general meeting is Saturday, May 13 at the Delta Pinestone starting at 6 p.m.. A decision on the club's future will be made at that time. Anyone interested in any type of volunteer role, from helping with the annual consumer's choice raffle, to clearing trails, to sitting on the executive is encouraged to attend.

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For Greg Bishop, surveying has always been a part of his life. His father, Curry Bishop, started working in the area 50 years ago. Greg began joining him in the summer when he was 13.

"I enjoy getting outside and the field work that goes along with surveying. I like seeing different properties and the potential for development. I'm a hands-on person who enjoys all aspects of the job," says Greg.

After graduating from Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, Greg attended the University of New Brunswick to get his degree in Survey Engineering. He graduated in 1980, moved back to Haliburton and began working for Bishop and Wilson Ltd.. In 1982 he obtained his professional engineer's designation and became an Ontario Land Surveyor in 1986.

Greg bought into Bishop and Wilson Ltd. in 1984 and remained with the firm until 1997. At that time Greg sold his share to pursue other interests.

Development of land has always been a passion for Greg and to broaden his perspective on investments as a whole, he joined the Financial Concept Group (now Assante) and obtained his credentials as a financial planner and insurance agent.

A great opportunity presented itself in 2000 when Greg was asked to become a member of the Ontario Municipal Board. As a member from 2000 to 2003 and a vice-chair in 2004, Greg gained a great deal of insight into Ontario's planning world. Hearings dealt with a host of issues and problems involving legislation such as: zoning amendments, development, public division of land, severance, subdivisions and condominiums.

While on the board he acted as a member and chair of many committees such as the education committee, the information technology committee and the liaison committee between members and staff.

The commitment on the OMB took Greg all over the province. But after four years it was time to stop travelling, return home to his family and put his past experiences back to work in the local community.

Greg has started a small business that brings together all aspects of his education and experience: surveying, engineering and planning matters. He is also working on behalf of clients who need direction and representation at Ontario Municipal Board hearings. After 25 years at the local newspaper, his wife Sandra Bishop has joined Greg at their home office.

His passion is still development and one of the newest projects is a condominium project on the old Sir Sandford Fleming College site with a good friend and partner, Kim Emmerson, president of Emmerson Lumber Ltd.

An active member in the community Greg has been a Rotarian for 25 years, serving as past president in 1991/1992. He is presently a member of the Enviroment and Planning Advisory Committee for the County of Haliburton.

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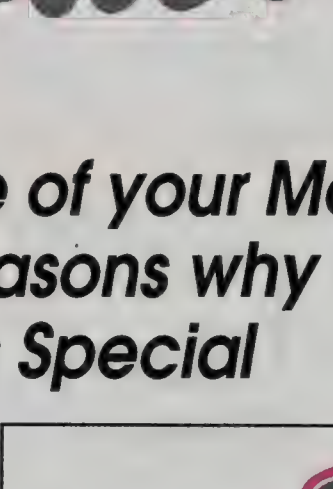

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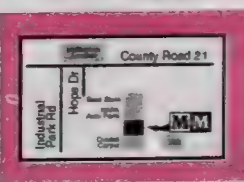

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Under the Immunization of School Pupils Act, health units across the province must ensure all students are immunized against the six legislated diseases: diphtheria, tetanus, polio, measles, mumps and rubella.

As part of that role, the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit will be sending out suspension notices to families whose children aren't immunized on May 15. Schools will receive the suspension notices by May 23 and the first day of suspension for these students will be May 26.

"We do not want to suspend these students but, by law, they must be immunized against these diseases if they are to attend school," says Diane Dingman, director of communicable disease control for the district health Unit. "It is our hope that parents will understand the importance of immunizations and the role they plan in helping to protect others from diseases within our communities."

Dingman thinks the number of suspension notices being mailed doesn't reflect the true number of area students not immunized. Instead, Dingman thinks many parents just don't realize that they have to provide the health unit with information about their children's immunization records.

"Many parents do not realize that their family physician does not forward immunization information on to the health units," says Dingman. "For most parents, the notice is just a reminder that it is their responsibility to bring their child's immunization record into the health unit so the information can be added into our database."

Two notices were previously sent to parents informing them that their children's immunization records were not up-to-date and many parents have come to the Health Unit to provide the information. For others it may have slipped their minds or they may want their child to be exempt from immunizations, Dingman says. The only way a student may be exempted from being immunized is to have a statement of medical exemption or to provide an affidavit of a conflict with conscience or religious belief.

"It's unfortunate that we have to send out final suspension notices, but this is the law and we have to follow-up to ensure that we either have all the information on students, that they are fully immunized or we have their exemption on file," says Dingman.

Local cigarette vendors effective at preventing sales to teenagers

Local cigarette vendors are passing with flying colours when it comes to preventing the sale of tobacco products to underage teenagers.

During 2005, 91 per cent of cigarette vendors in Northumberland County, Haliburton County and the City of Kawartha Lakes were found to be in compliance with Ontario's Tobacco Control Act (TCA). A key section of the Tobacco Control Act forbids the sale of tobacco to teenagers under the age of 19 years.

The 2005 compliance rate is based on checks of 423 tobacco retailers in the region. Last year's compliance rate is the highest ever recorded in the region served by the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit. It surpasses the 90 per cent compliance rate recorded locally in 2004. Local vendors also do better than the national compliance rate of 85 per cent recorded recently by Health Canada.

"The results for 2005 are cause for applause because most local retailers are being very responsible in the sale of tobacco products," says Anne-Marie Cyr, tobacco programs manager with the HKPR District Health Unit. "This is good news given the changes ahead in tobacco control legislation."

Under Ontario's Tobacco Control Act (TCA), store owners and/or their staff can be fined a minimum of $215 if caught selling cigarettes illegally. Repeat offenders can even lose their ability to sell tobacco for several months.

As of May 31, 2006, the TCA will be replaced with the new Smoke-Free Ontario Act. Besides imposing a province-wide ban on smoking in public places and workplaces, the new law will also place stricter rules on the sale and supply of tobacco products to youth. The display of tobacco products in stores will also be phased out entirely by May 31, 2008.

Cyr credits Health Unit staff for continuing to educate tobacco vendors about their roles and responsibilities under the current law and helping retailers prepare for what is expected of them under the Smoke-Free Ontario Act.

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Golf advice: overcoming the bad shots

Be patient and don't get distracted

The scene: you have an important shot to make! Breathe deeply, don't hold your golf club too tightly, and take your swing with the same rhythm as usual. When done calmly, the result is much better.

Be patient, concentrate, and don't be distracted!

It sometimes happens that other players move or talk while you're getting ready; if that's the case, stop and begin your preparation again; this will cause them to be quiet and you'll be able to concentrate better on your shot.

Be honest

Don't cheat, it's not worth it: you may perhaps improve your score by two or three shots, but you will lose your reputation. And if you manage to win a tournament by cheating, the complaints will be even bigger, and your reputation will be tarnished for a long time, if not forever.

Think positive

Regardless of the obstacle in front of you, whether it's an enormous sand pit, a lake, or something else, think instead about the green and visualize your ball landing close to the flag. The last thing your brain will remember is the green. It's better to tell yourself... "my ball will be near the flag", and not... "my ball better not go in the lake". In the latter case, there's a good chance it'll end up there. Try and you'll see.

Forget your bad shots

There's nothing more negative than thinking about the bad shot you just made; chase it from your mind. Force yourself to think only about what you're going to do and you will have a better chance to make up for your mistake.

Be curious

You have problems with certain aspects of your game? Watch the strong players, examine their techniques, and above all, don't hesitate to ask for advice from the pro, who will surely know how to help you fix your problem. Your game can only get better.

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Frank Bowers holds the flag while Johnny Cawker putts at the Delta Pinestone resort Saturday. "Early April, sunny, warm, Haliburton," Frank says. "No bugs yet. We'll get them, but it's a nice break."

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You must also learn to control your emotions because when the pressure's on, you risk having erratic performances. If you aren't in top form, you'll realize at the end of the day that, even if you're not really tired, you may not have played so well on the final holes. When you're in shape it's not a problem.

The professionals have trainers and private psychologists to help them perform well but, unlike you, they earn their living with the sport.

LIHNs' goal is to take responsibility away from Queen's Park

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going to be less," said Loucks, who spoke at a LHIN public consultation meeting at the Delta Pinestone Resort on Wednesday. "The nature of the job and how the job is done might change. But the overall amount of care and services is not going to be getting less in the years to come. As a matter of fact, as boomers age and our population grows, it's very likely the opposite."

James Meloche, senior director of integration and community engagement for the Central East LHIN, said the goal is to free up health care professionals to deliver health care instead of being burdened with administrative duties.

"This is not a slash and burn policy," said Meloche.

About a dozen people were in attendance at the public meeting, including two representatives from the Service Employees International Union (SEIU), an organization that represents health care service workers and has been a vocal critic of the LHINs. The face-to-face meeting with members of the LHIN board appeared to at least partially placate their fears.

"I just wanted to hear what their side was because I've heard what the union's side is, which is that LHINs would be putting some jobs in jeopardy," said Hannah Kalter, a SEIU steward for the Haliburton area. "From what I've heard here tonight, it doesn't sound as bad as what I personally thought before. I guess we'll have to wait and see what actually happens.

The main idea behind LHINs is to avoid micromanaging a $33 billion enterprise from an office in Toronto. All the various LHIN boards are presently touring their respective regions trying to gain a better understanding of community profiles and specific needs. The information will be formulized to the province in September in the form of an overall strategic plan for each region. LHINs will be endowed with funding authority in April 2007.

The Central East LHIN will be one of the more challenging regions to govern because of its wide-ranging geographical and cultural traits. Its borders stretch from eastern Toronto to the outer edge of Northumberland-Havelock, and expand north all the way up to Haliburton County. With a population of 1.4 million people, the Central East LHIN will be responsible for allocating $1.5 billion.

Part of the current consultation process is to learn the specific needs of the various communities. For example, in parts of Scarborough, visible minorities represent 72 per cent of the population, compared to Haliburton's 0.4 per cent. This implies very different health risks, cultural issues, and linguistic obstacles for two communities within the same LHIN.

Haliburton County has the highest ratio of seniors living in its area (24 per cent) but the lowest overall population (about 15,000). One of the fears raised at the meeting was that Haliburton County will get lost in the shuffle because of its small size, despite its high ratio of frequent healthcare users and a population that nearly doubles in the summer months. That fear may be overstated, however, given Loucks' current clout on the board and his intimate knowledge of county. (He served as CEO of Haliburton Highlands Health Services from 1995-2002 and was born and raised here.)

LHINs are similar to the former district health councils, says Loucks. LHINs, however, are much more powerful because of their funding authority; district health councils held only an advisory role to the province and as a result sometimes lacked in clout and credibility.

"It's not about saving money," said Loucks. "It's about making sure that the money that we are using is used as effectively as it can be."

Local governing bodies such as HHHS will remain intact and act like the "eyes and ears" of the LHIN board, providing feedback and advising on opportunities for streamlining services. Having a finger on the pulse of the various communities is important to the Central East LHIN, which will govern its $1.5 billion budget with a staff of only 20-24 people.

"If we are just another bureaucracy, then that's a pretty darn small bureaucracy," says Meloche.

Some priorities that may emerge in Haliburton County include the need for healthcare transportation, more medical clinics, and a greater presence of mental health programs.

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With Battle of the Books, the Trillium Lakelands District School Board adds a dash of competitiveness to make reading a little more fun. Katie Leach-Russo, above, and Jillian Hawley, right, have responded with gusto. An added incentive for Jillian is to read 515-page books like her mom. Photos by Casey Lessard.

A battle for the hearts of readers

JENNIFER WILSON
Staff Reporter

The Rockin' Readers take a seat together at the front of classroom 212 at J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School. The team, which consists of three Gr. 4 girls, anxiously looks around the room, assessing their competition. There are eight other teams, including The Puppy Dogs and The Killer Bees, but The Rockin' Readers are confident their strategy will carry them to the final round.

Let the Battle of the Books begin!

"Two of us would read the same book, so if someone forgot something, the other person would know the answer," says Katarina Coneybeare, one third of The Rockin' Readers.

Jillian Hawley hopes the group's strategic teamwork will help but winning isn't the only reason she joined the competition.

"My mom always reads big books and I wanted to read big books, too. So this really have me a chance to do this with her."

When Jillian says 'big books,' she isn't exaggerating. With a smile, she picks up the book she's reading for the competition and proudly says "It's like 515 pages."

At the front of the room, two other teams hover over the buzzers, waiting eagerly for Erin Kennedy, a Gr. 8 teacher and competition organizer, to ask the next question about one of the books.

This event, which took place last Monday, was JDHES's first in-school Battle of the Books competition, a board-wide reading contest for junior and intermediate grades.

Students wanting to participate create teams of three or four, and between themselves, tackle a list of 10 books.

Competitions in the form of a trivia game are held at all participating schools to determine both a junior and intermediate winning team. The two successful teams will then compete against the winners of other schools at Pine Glen Public School in Huntsville this week.

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It's a race to the finish – of another book

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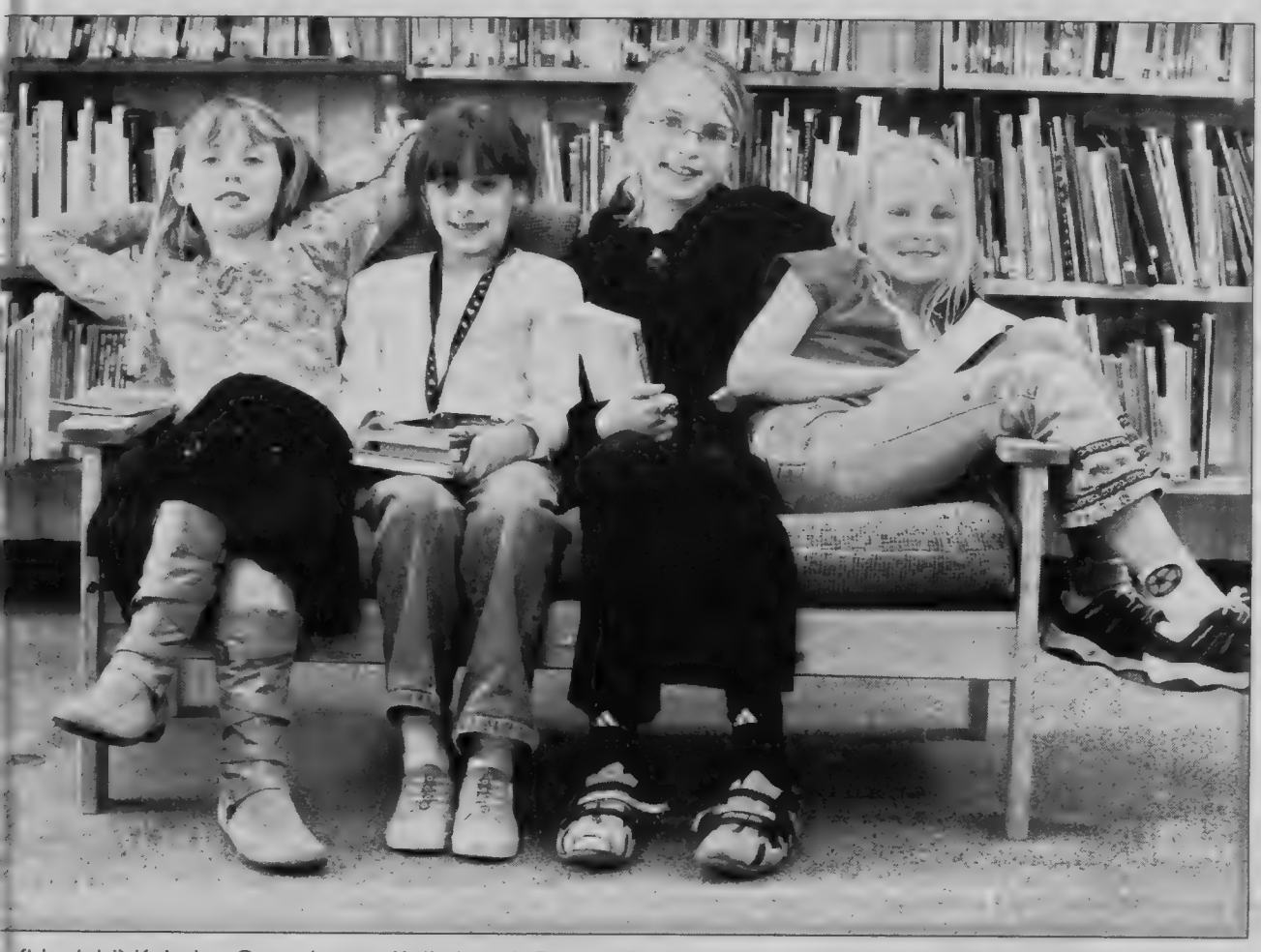
"The kids seem really excited, and the response has been great. Right now, there are nine teams from the junior grades and two from the intermediates. I think this will help them get excited about reading."

Back in room 212, The Rockin' Readers' turn has come, and they make their way to the front of the classroom.

The girls give each other a high five and get ready to face their competition.

The girls win the round by one point and are still in the race for the school's junior championship. So far, their strategy is panning out.



(Left to right) Katarina Coneybeare, Katie Leach-Russo, Alisha Bishop, and Jillian Hawley are the Rockin' Readers, competitors in the Battle of the Books at J. Douglas Hodgson ES.

Rockin' Readers Alisha Bishop (right) and Katarina Coneybeare read their selections.

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Messiah choir goes Gospel

Photos by Casey Lessard

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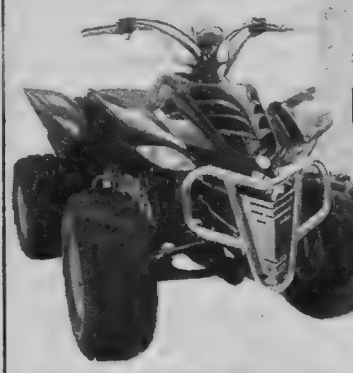

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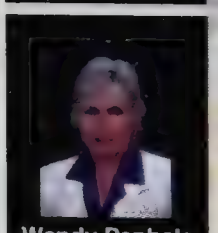

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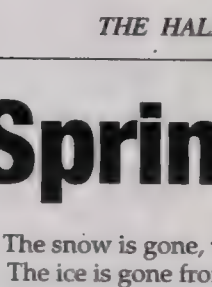

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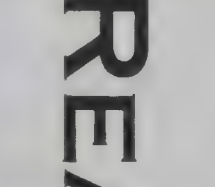

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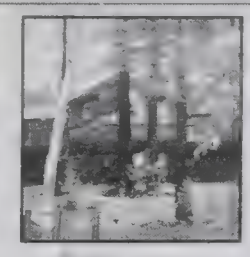

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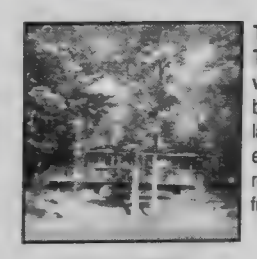

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Memories sweep into Wilberforce for awards ceremony at curling season's end

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wilberforce

Hilda Clark
448-2018

Curling in Wilberforce may have ended for the season at the end of March, but on Wednesday, April 26 memories of plays, games and leagues with good and not so good shots, draws and take-outs during the past year were back in curlers' minds and even in some conversations. As winners accepted their awards after a good dinner at the Craftsman Restaurant mostly it was the pleasant times at the curling rink that were remembered.

Hosting the Awards time was Club President Doug Stephen who has devoted much time and energy working for the club. He thanked league and bonspiel convenors, members of the executive, and all who have volunteered and donated this year.

Convenor of the Monday night mixed league Jim Donovan presented awards to Tammy Vaughan skip, Brenda Berning, John Doomernik and Helen Doomernik, the winning team in the first half of the season, and to Blaine Lewis skip, Byron Kellar, Marlene Sweet and Brenda Kellar, winners in the second half. No playoff was held in this league.

Doug Stephen convened the Tuesday night mixed league and his team of Doug Stephen skip, Laura Casey, Jan Dahms and Chris Hughes were the League winners. In the playoffs the winning team was Tammy Vaughan skip, Frank McLeod, Enid McLeod and Joann Bugg.

Joan Clark and Gerda Goverde convened the Wednesday Seniors' League. Joan presented the awards to the team of Jim Donovan, Brian Monaghan, skip, Carol Monaghan and Katie Whitefield who were both the League and the Playoff winners.

Convenor of the Thursday Men's League Manfred Stelter presented the awards to League winners Mac Gadway skip, Stu Garland, Bryon Kellar and Frank Matys. No playoffs in this league this year.

The Club will be holding a yard sale in July. Donations welcome.

The Wilberforce United Church will be hosting their annual yard sale on May 20 this year. Good deals from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Church – across from the Wilberforce Cemetery. Lunch will be available. To donate items for the sale call Genny Carmichael at 448-3333 or Colleen Ward at 448-2458.

At the Wilberforce School there are opportunities galore to visit the school and see what is going on. Some may have joined the Breakfast Club on Monday morning or visited the library on Tuesday. The arts in Education will be a focus this week. A great week to renew interest in what is happening in the education of the children in our community.

The municipality of Highlands East has developed a Five Year Action Plan for its Municipal buildings. It has itemized the number of municipal buildings, the condition and use of each building and has undertaken an evaluation of the current and future needs of the municipality.

This report is available for the public to review and comment. Comments are to be submitted to Sharon Stoughton-Craig CAO/Treasurer no later than 3:30 p.m. on May 16, 2006.

The report has some reasonable recommendations and some that are quite controversial. The closing and relocation of Firehalls is a major concern. The Tory Hill Firehall and Recreation Centre would be sold likely this year. The Hwy. 28 Firehall would be sold. The current Wilberforce Fire Hall demolished (including the best historical mural anywhere) and a new one built elsewhere.

Another major project requires more thought. There would be a new municipal building built. The Wilberforce Library and Medical Centre could be relocated into the current central office in Wilberforce and the Library and medical centre sold.

Though the elected officials and staff have put a lot of effort into this report, members of the public may have other ideas, suggestions, and vision for this municipality. Do get a copy of the report and respond to it. There is less than two weeks to have your say. It is our municipality. We all want the best for it. Speak up!

Gallery is decade-ent!

Lynne Roche of Blairhampton discusses art and life with Jody Curry of the Ethel Curry Gallery during the gallery's 10th anniversary celebrations. The gallery event featured food prepared by the food and hospitality class at HHSS.

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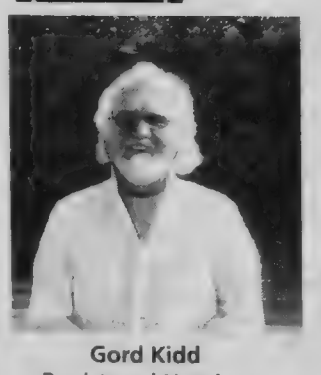

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Spring bingo marks arrival of new season

Jamie Evans wins twice, once for money and the other for friendship

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Valerie Smith
448-3640

As I sat on the porch Sunday morning I thought there is a timeless quality at this time of the year. You can sit outside and let warm rays of sunlight brush your face while watching ants scurrying up and down the tree trunks. The snow is almost gone and the iris and daffodils are sprouting up through the soil as soon as the icy crystals melt. What a magical time that can be only measured as right now, not tomorrow or yesterday when the cold fingers of winter are all you felt when you went outside! This is truly the best of life all nicely wrapped in a bundle called a perfect spring day.

Harcourt's Big Spring Bingo on the 22nd was a great success with 88 enthusiastic bingo players on hand. There were actually more than two big winners during the evening. One gal, Jamie Evans actually won twice. She called out "bingo!" to win a grand prize of $500; she won a second time when she gave half of her $500 prize winnings to her friend Theresa Townsend. I'd say that was the mark of a true friend. The other big $500 prize winner was Myrtle Harrison from Bancroft. Congratulations to both Myrtle and Jamie!

A big thank you to Debbie Shatraw and her great crew of bingo helpers who were on hand to make this evening such a great success.

This week marks a very special week on our education calendar. Schools throughout the Trillium Lakelands District School Board are very excited about the activities planned for Education Week which runs from May 1 - May 5.

Local Wilberforce Elementary School is all set with some very exciting events. May 1 started the week off with an invitation to join them for breakfast and see what they are about. The Breakfast Club runs each week on Monday and Friday from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. On Tuesday, May 2nd please come and see some of the exciting things taking place in the classroom. In the JK/SK room "The Music Man" Barry Hayward will be in from 9:30 - 10:30 and will be in the Grade 1 and 2 classroom from 11:20 - 12:00 noon. Linda Middleton will be on hand starting her watercolours in the Grade 5/6 room.

As with all the schools in the Trillium Lakelands District School Board, Wilberforce E.S. is very pleased to have received a Smart Board. And what is a smart board? A large interactive learning tool (computer screen with finger-tip manipulations for all subject areas) that makes learning fun for students. Also come in and see the Universal Reader that scans any material and the computer will read it to the students and the Universal Talking Word Process that assists the students in writing.

There will a Book Fair open every morning for the week from 8:30 to 11:30 or at other times where needed. Wednesday is the TLDSB Character Education Day and the theme is Safe and Caring Schools.

On Thursday Daniella Pagliaro will be starting dance at the Lloyd Watson Centre for Grades 3 and 4 at 9:10 - 10:55, Grades 5 and 6 at 11:30 - 1:25 and Grades 1 and 2 at 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

There will be a special draw and each time you visit the Wilberforce Elementary School during Education Week you can fill out a free ballot to win some really great prizes. Draws will be made on Friday afternoon.

One of my favourite quotes is one of Alfred Mercier's: "What we learn with pleasure we never forget." These are just a few of the really exciting and pleasurable learning opportunities taking place at Wilberforce Elementary School. Similar events to showcase great things happening in other local schools are scheduled in those schools all this week as well, so drop by your local school and see what our students are all excited about.

To all the young people ages 7-16 years who have been asking, "When is the next Pre Teen Dance?" please note it is fast approaching on Friday, May 12.

Harcourt's 9th Annual Bass Tournament is coming up July 22. This is a live release tournament and participants can fish in Elephant, Baptiste and Benoir Lakes. Best five fish weight is taken. First prize is 35 per cent of entry fees with second to tenth prize amounts. There is also a Big Bass Prize and a Parent/Child Prize. The two-person team entry fee is $100 with a 100-team limit. Register by July 15 by picking up your registration form at Elephant Lake Lodge 448-2861 or by contacting Ed Otto at 448-2106. Proceeds from tournament go toward Harcourt Recreation Development.

If you have any item of interest to share and you wish to submit it for the next feature of the Harcourt and Community News, please e-mail vsmith.rhapsody@sympatico.ca or call 705 448 3640.

Up coming Events for Harcourt and surrounding communities:

May 3: Bingo Wednesday evening starting at 7:30 p.m. Harcourt Community Centre. For more information call Debbie Shatraw at 448-3155.

May 4: Progressive Euchre Thursday evening starting at 7:30 p.m. Harcourt Community Centre. Cost is only $2. So come out for an evening of great fun playing Euchre followed by a light social lunch. For further information please call Mel Smith at 448-3640.

May 7: Harcourt Community Centre Hall Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m. Harcourt Community Centre.

May 12, 2006 Pre Teen Dance Come out and join the fun! Children ages 7-16 welcome. Time: 8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Cost $3.00.

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Students get electrified with JDHES robotics

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"Each team will take a robot," said Greg Arkwright, JDHES vice principal, "programmed ready to do some special thing to show everything they've learned through the year to the rest of the schools. The second part is a scenario where they have to build a robot there, designing them to be used in an amusement park. That will take them a day; they program music, touch sensory rules, steering, direction, pop-a-wheelie instructions, etc. They hit play, and the robot does what it's told. Sometimes it doesn't do what they intended, and they have to start over."

Jenna Dibblee and Kestrel Woodley put the finishing touch – a sign saying "Haliburton, Ontario - Go, Jaguars Go" - on their robot.

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The good kind of hair loss

Ian Riley got fed up with having his hair long, so he had it cut off Friday at Sherrie's Hair Care. Riley donated his lengthy locks to the Hair for Kids program in Toronto. Photos submitted by Cheryl Riley.

Busy weekend for Bancroft officers

During the weekend, officers from the Bancroft Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police responded to 4 requests for investigation or assistance. These calls included motor vehicle collisions, traffic complaints and break and enters.

On Sunday April 30, officers were called to a seasonal residence on Atlantic Lane in Highlands East. The property owner had arrived at their cottage and discovered it had been forcibly entered and a quantity of alcohol had been taken. The break and enter is related to other earlier reported break and enters in the Paudash lake area.

Anyone with information on the break and enters is encouraged to call Bancroft OPP at (613)332-2112 or Crimestoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

Officers responded to numerous traffic complaints involving motor vehicles, dirt bikes and ATV's. Operators of all vehicles are reminded to adhere to the rules of the road and operate all vehicles in a safe manner.

2006 Census questionnaires start arriving tomorrow

In the next few days, some 12 million households will receive a 2006 Census questionnaire as part of the nationwide 2006 Census of Population and Agriculture. By May 16, all households should have received their census form.

Tuesday, May 16 is Census Day in Canada. Statistics Canada conducts a complete Census of Canada's population, along with a Census of Agriculture, every five years. The goal is to count every man, woman and child in Canada.

About 70 per cent of questionnaires will arrive by mail; another 30 per cent will be delivered by census enumerators. One in five households (a random sample of the population) will receive the long questionnaire (2B); all other households will receive a short questionnaire (2A).

Beginning May 2, households across the country will, for the first time, have the opportunity to complete their census form online at: www.census2006.ca. It's an easy, secure, and convenient option that can be used anywhere, anytime.

Data collected from the census provides a detailed statistical picture, of the demographic, social, and economic conditions of the population of the country at a single point in time. Census data are used to plan important services like public transportation, health care, education and fire and police protection, all a part of our daily lives.

For further information about the 2006 Census visit www.census2006.ca. If a household doesn't get a form, or if someone needs assistance to complete their questionnaire, help is available by calling the Census Help Line at: 1 877-594-2006. Operators, who speak many different languages, will be available to provide assistance.

Continue a Canadian tradition, on May 16th - Count yourself in!

Circle of life explored in West Guilford with new growths and interments

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west guilford

Eleanor Cooper
754-2388

Spring came to Grass Lake on April 17 this year, if the total ice disappearing on that date is the true indication. My beloved daffodils in the gully are out on golden clumps, and rhubarb is showing. Soon it will be time to invite you to come and pull the abundant stalks.

On Wednesday of this week, interment at Maple Lake United Church for Karl Barry and for Gord Samells. Later there will be a memorial service for Wanda Anthes, also a former faithful member with Dale when they lived on the shores of Maple Lake.

To continue in this vein, Bernard Sisson's funeral at St. George's Anglican on April 27th was all you could wish for in fond memories and glad celebration, as great was his impact from the time of being born and bred in Guilford, through his Air Force years in WWII, throughout GMAC years, and other sales work for two more companies, and his active hockey years until 1981. The church was crowded for this Eucharistic service crowned with tributes from Louise Sisson who spoke on behalf of in-laws and many cousins and friends, from Brenda Gibbon, a fond niece, and from Bern's brother, Byron who brought tears and laughter to us as the memories flowed. Before the reception we attended the service at St. Peter's Church Cemetery, so many, many present. Tears and cheers, applause and raised arms as the plane swift overhead in tribute to Bern from Canadian Air Force Association, a fitting conclusion indeed. Earl piped as people stood to continue sharing and comforting Joyce, Craig and Lynn and their children.

Another topic quite different: a 6"x6" dock has floated into our shore, probably from the Green Lake side of Grass Lake. Come and claim it.

The first Sunday evening of every month, a sing-the-old-hymns time occurs at Maple Lake United Church. The Rev. Max Ward leads the event accompanied by Kathleen Owens on accordion or keyboard. Tambourines have been introduced and May's singing is to be accompanied by another organ as well. If you come early, a pot luck supper is served. 754-2278 or 1625 can supply details.

Graham Lloyd tries to steal the ball from Kyle Grove during a game of pick-up basketball at Head Lake Park Thursday night. Photos by Casey Lessard.

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Description of Lands

Roll No. 46 24 020 000 06500, Block A, Registered Plan 578, geographic Township of Dudley, in the Municipality of Dysart et al, County of Haliburton (No. 19) subject to a Right of Way in favour of all those entitled thereto. File No. 04-28
Minimum Tender Amount $ 16,412.37

Roll No. 46 24 020 000 07300, Part Lot 9, Concession 1, geographic Township of Dudley, in the Municipality of Dysart et al, County of Haliburton (No. 19) being the Eleventhly described Lands in Instrument No. 71541. File No. 04-29
Minimum Tender Amount $ 5,191.95

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Minimum Tender Amount $ 4,626.41

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Haliburton Village BIA Annual General Meeting will be held at 7:00pm, May 11th at the Haliburton Curling Club. We look forward to attendance by all our BIA members.

Nominations for the Executive and Approval of the 2006 Budget will take place at this meeting and will be crucial for the ongoing success of our downtown community and our BIA.

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Not too much news for this week. That does not mean your executive has not been working. We have. A special executive meeting was called last week to try to solve some problems which have arisen. It was very productive and we had the honour of having the dynamic duo of Murray Fearrey and Donna McCallum join us for a portion of that meeting. They have agreed to sit on a financial advisory committee to help your branch keep its monetary matters in order and suggest ways to reduce expenses and increase revenues.

We are lucky to have people of this calibre agree to help us.

A fairly large number of dart players gathered on Saturday last to play in an in-house tournament. When I dropped in to do some work in the office, it was apparent they were enjoying themselves and they also had a good lunch prepared. This was due to the efforts of our hard-working sports officer, Chris Briggs.

Just another reminder that your executive meeting will be this Thursday and the general meeting and the branch elections will be next Thursday starting at 7:30 p.m.. Please plan to attend and support your Branch.

Since my wife Joan and I are very involved in the 2006 Census, these articles may be done on an irregular basis until the end of June when our contracts with the government expire. Once again I have the distinct honour of leading a team of enumerators who will be in the field most of the month of May and my wife has agreed to be my assistant. Please welcome the census worker who will call at your residence and fill out the required forms for mail back.

The more people we count the larger the grant will be to your local governments, thus helping keep down your taxes. No one locally will see any information you put on the 2A or 2B forms. They are mailed to an out of town location and dealt with there.

It must be spring, Lou Moody trout tourney comes to Wilberforce

community news

legion br. 624

Mel Smith

448-3640

Our Legion continues to reach out to our members and the community.

The Lou Moody Memorial Rainbow Trout Fish Derby will be held Saturday, May, 6. This is an annual event held in the memory of Lou Moody. There will be cash prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes plus a prize table.

Fishing may take place in Cedar Lake, Cardiff Lake, Clement Lake, Cope Lake, Lower Cardiff Lake and Jorden Lake. Ministry of Natural Resources regulation rules apply. Please register before Legion closing time on Friday, May 5 or at the Fishes' Lunch Box before 10 a.m. on Saturday May 6. The lake you will be fishing on must be listed on the entry form. Registration fee is $15 per person. Weigh-in time is 3 to 6:00 p.m. at the Wilberforce Legion. Minimum size is 12" and only one entry per person. Derby officials' ruling is final.

For more information contact the Wilberforce Legion at 448-2221 or John Sorensen at 448-2738.

The members of the Wilberforce Legion would like you to bring Mom (and Grandma, too) out to the Legion on Sunday May 14, 2006 for the Mother's Day All You Can Eat Brunch. The Sunday All You Can Eat Brunches have been a great success in the past and this one promises to be just as good. Mother needs a treat so bring her out. Adults $6, children $3 and under 6 years old are free.

Lest We Forget:

Our prayers and deepest sympathy goes out to the family and friends of Barney Rivers. He will be sadly missed by his fellow members.

Upcoming events:

May 1: 2 p.m. Ladies Auxiliary meeting (first Monday of every month)

May 2: 7 p.m. Branch 624 Executive Meeting

May 3: 7:30 p.m. Dart Night. This is a fun night out and joining a team is not necessary. Just come out and enjoy! (It's every Wednesday evening.)

May 4: 1 p.m. Euchre. Come out and enjoy an afternoon of card playing and enjoy the fellowship. Cost only $2 which goes toward prize money. (It's every Thursday afternoon)

May 5: 1 p.m. Open 8 Ball Pool Leauge. $2 per player each week, half of which will be given in prize money (It's every Friday afternoon)

May 6: 3 p.m. Meat Draw (every Saturday afternoon)

May 6: 9 p.m. Karaoke (first Saturday of every month)

May 12: 7 p.m.. Pot Luck Dinner (second Friday of the month)

May 12: 9 p.m. Jam Night (second Friday of month)

May 14: 9:00 a.m. to 12 p.m. All You Can Eat Sunday Brunch. $6 adults, $3 children, children 6 years and younger are free (second Sunday of month)

May 16: 7 p.m. General membership Meeting (third Tuesday of month)

May 20: 9 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Dance to sounds of Sound of Thyme. Admission $5.

As you can plainly see we have just a tremendous selection of things going on at our Legion Branch 624. Come on out and join us and I,m sure you will be glad you did. If you think you would like to join our Branch, ask for an application from the Bar Stewart

community calendar

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CURRENT EVENTS

• **May 2:** Ontario Early Years Minden Family Supper Night is taking place with children 0-6 years. While enjoying a nutritious meal with your child and other families join us for Family Fitness. Energizing activities for everyone in the family to do together. Families that play together stay fit together. Please call to register by Mon., May 1, at 286-1770.

• **May 2:** Ontario Early Years Haliburton – Early Literacy Specialist will be joining us at 11:00 a.m. to offer a fun and entertaining circle time with the Very Hungry Caterpillar. Learn easy and fun ways to encourage the love of listening and reading in your home. Call 457-2989 for more info.

• **May 3 to 31:** Ontario Early Years Haliburton – Baby Sign Language is being offered in a five session workshop series. Bring your baby with you to learn hands-on how you can introduce this method of communication with your child. Starting Wednesdays from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Please register at 457-2989.

• **May 4:** Ontario Early Years Minden – Early Literacy Specialist will be joining us at 11:00 a.m. to offer a fun and entertaining circle time with the Very Hungry Caterpillar. Learn easy and fun ways to encourage the love of listening and reading in your home. Call 286-1770 for more info.

• **May 4:** Ladies Fellowship (formerly L.I.F.T.) Thurs., 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. at the West Guilford Community Centre. Annual Mother/Daughter/Friend evening. For more info call Lyn at 457-3155 or Alice at 754-2808.

• **May 5:** Ladies join the Haliburton Highlands Women's Golf League on Friday, May 5 at Wigamog Inn, 7 p.m. at the Icebreaker Tee Social Evening & Registration. All levels of players are welcome to join. For more info. call Mary Lou at 455-9266.

• **May 6:** Haliburton Dance Arts – 2 shows, 1:00 and 7:00 p.m. Tickets still available and can be picked up at M&M Meats, Haliburton (Assigned seating). Fundraiser for Haliburton Dance Arts. All proceeds to Parents Fundraising Committee for Costumes.

• **May 6:** S.E.A.L. presents displays, presentations and discussions on the environment, energy, alternative health, Project Porchlight etc. Sat., 2-4 p.m. Everyone welcome. Followed by a potluck dinner and our AGM till 7 p.m. Lion's Hall, Main St. Bobcaygeon.

• **May 7:** Hike for Hospice. Spring into spring and get active on a 6 km hike of the Head Lake Trail or 1 km walk in the Sculpture Forest. Raise pledges to support SIRCH Community Hospice, 100% of all funds stay in the community. Registration 12:30 at Fleming College, hike starts Sun., May 7, 1:30. Refreshments, entertainment, draw prizes. For registration form go to www.sirch.on.ca/whats_new.php or call 457-1742.

ONGOING EVENTS

• **Ontario Early Years Haliburton – Developmental Screenings.** Book your time with a Public Health Nurse from HKPR District Health Unit for your child's growth and developmental screening. It's an easy and reassuring way to see if your child is on track! Book an appointment at our OEYC Centres – Haliburton 457-2989 or Minden 286-1770.

• **Haliburton Highlands Concert Series** – Get your Series Tickets (3 concerts). Sat., May 13 – Ensemble Vivant; Sat., Oct. 14 – Natalie Chouquette; Sat., Nov. 4 – 4 hands, 1 piano. For info. Call 457-9731.

• **Now until May 9:** 'You Can't See Me' – Kirsten Johnson exhibiting at the Rails End Gallery. The work in this exhibit was developed in response to a friend who had lost her sight. It is a 'touchy-feely' show where the viewers can actually touch some of the artwork.

• **Now until May 27:** 3 Graces Remembered – Exhibition at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery. View lovely 18th century drawings from Charlotte Price, Anne Langdon and Catherine Reynolds.

• **Community Care** is looking for Brokered Workers to take care of housekeeping chores for seniors and disabled adults. All brokered workers are screened through our volunteer screening process. For more info., or to become a registered brokered worker, call Roxanne at 457-2941.

• **Haliburton Legion, Br. 129** – Every Wednesday night is Bingo night. Early Bird starts at 7:00 p.m.

• **Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 636,** Minden holds its General Business Meeting on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Events listings are provided **FREE for non-profit groups** on a space-available basis. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-3275, emailed to editor@haliburtonecho.ca., or brought in to the office.
Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date.
NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events in the Highlands.

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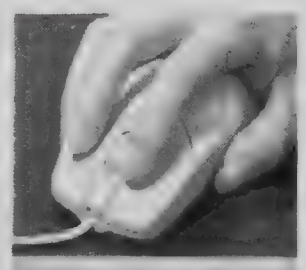

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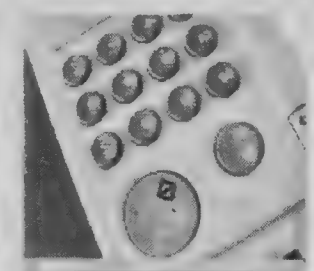

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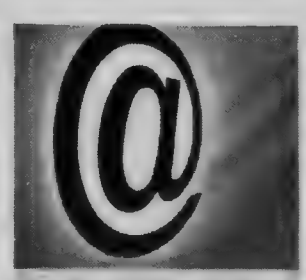

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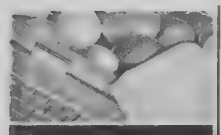

MERCHANDISE

Free Ads A050

FREE to good home - 1 stove, 1 fridge, 1 dishwasher all in good working condition. Call 754-2382 Anytime
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Auctions A120

Annual Spring Boat, RV, and Equipment Sale
Sat., May 20 - 10 a.m
at Mabee Auctions.
Hwy 35, 1 mile North of Rosedale. Book early! Consignment welcome! All marine, ATVs, trucks, campers, etc. Call 705-454-2431 or 454-2841.

Building Material A130

For Sale - 50 gal. plastic drums. Environmentally safe. Great for docks. $20 ea. Call 286-1719.

Miscellaneous A230

Antiques - Walnut dresser w/ mirror; Walnut cedar chest: Nursing rocker w/ caned seat. 457-9320
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Miscellaneous A230

For Sale - 3 pc black wood 8 glass walnut unit with brass fittings 78" h X 86" w $800 obo
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Miscellaneous A230

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-Lily Ann Thrift Shop
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9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
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Miscellaneous A230

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Wanted to Buy A280

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10101980

Vans/ Trucks A420

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Vans/ Trucks A420

1995 F350 XL, Dually, 4 X 4 7.3 Turbo-Diesel, 5 spd., 9' dump box, 9' hydr., plow, free wheeling hubs 125,000 km, new clutch, valid inspection. Serious work truck. Superb value: $ 15,500 O.B.O Days : 705-286-3791 Ext. 22.
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Miscellaneous A230

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Auctions A120

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8km north of Buckhorn to Flynns Corners, 24k north on 507 to Gooderham, left on Hwy. 503 at 4 way stop #10456 or approx., 25 k south of Haliburton on County Rd. 3. Moved to seniors residence.

Tractor & Misc: Belarus 4x4, 425 tractor w/636 loader, 1090 hrs., safety roof, good cond., 8' 3pt blade, 6' drag, HD log splitter, 5T chain blocks, axle stands, Husqvarna No. 61 chain saw, rear tang 5h MTD tiller, DR self propelled trimmer, Husqvarna brush/weed cutter, piston pump, beaver traps, sap boiling pan, buckets, qty. of lumber, broad axw, ice tongs.

Recreational: Honda Big Red 3 wheeler-needs carb., 1957-7 1/ 2hp Johnson seahorse - running, 5 1/2 hp Johnson-running, 14' alum. Boat w/trailer, lg. snowmobile trailer.

Woodworking Machines: Craftsman - 10" radial arm saw, 10" table saw and 10" cut off saw, Ryobi 10" Surface planer, Beaver 6" jointer, water grinding stone, Buffalo bench drill press, older General 4' wood lathe, router table and bench, table grinder, steel bench, lg. bench w/ drawers, many, many hand tools, log auger, cast iron stove, cast floor grates.

Household Items: Duncan Phyfe table and 4 chairs, kids bob sleigh, antique Phaff-6 cast iron sewing machine, 1920 RCA Victrola and records, East Lake fainting couch, vanity w/wing mirrors, sm. tables, base for gone with the wind lamp, mantle clock, wall clock, sm. curio cabinet, assorted china. African crafts, many lamps, 4 dining press back chairs, 5 other antique chairs, lg. press back rocker, dbl. wardrobe, 27" Sony TV, sm. chest freezer, good lawn patio furniture, computer desk, filing cabinets, Kirby vacuum, s.s. shelving unit w/sink and many other items.

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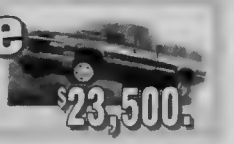

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For Sale - 1998 Silverado 4 X 4, air, power windows, lock, doors, seat 3rd door, tilt, cruise, tinted, duel exhaust, tonneau cover box liner 156kms, asking $11,900.00 Contact Drew 457-7150
10132086

Parts & Accessories A430

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Houses A650

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VACATION & TRAVEL

Cottages A730

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Cottage for Rent. Private 3 bedrooms. Grace Lake. $700 weekly. Contact Debbie. (519) 659-9655 Please leave message.
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Cottages A730

For Rent- Beech Lake 3 bedroom April- June 489-1917
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PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

General Employment A800

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General Employment A800

CARPENTER / CARPENTERS HELPER - Own transportation and tools a must. (Kennisis / Redstone Lake area) Salary commensurate with exp[erience. Phone 705-754-2126, Fax 705-754-9131 e-mail stevendrew-construction@sympatico. ca
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Class A Driver - Required Please fax resume to 705-457-5031. Black Rock Landscapes
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Driver wanted - Must have AZ license good knowledge of Haliburton and surrounding area. crane experience an asset but will train. Apply @ Brooklin Concrete
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Careers A780

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General Employment A800

HELP WANTED: PART TIME HELPER - for general maintenance 2-3 days a week. Phone 489-3257, ask for Arend.
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STOUGHTON ELECTRIC AND PLUMBING Is seeking a licensed plumber. To inquire Call 705-447-3120 After 6 PM
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Todd's Independent Haliburton is now hiring. Please apply at the store
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Windy Ridge Homes requires an office assistant for the Guildcrest model home in Minden 2 weekends per month. Please fax resume to 286-9997.
10127563

Care Providers A810

Care Giver needed - In our home. After school starting May 15 leading to full time through out the summer.References required Please call 705-455-9559 after 5.
10131301

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EDUCATION

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General Employment A800

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Coming Events A940

Haliburton Legion Branch 129 Sunday Brunch May 7, 2006 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Upstairs in our smoke free auditorium. FULL BREAKFAST: Pancakes or Eggs Bacon or Sausages Home Fries, Toast Juice, Coffee or Tea All for only $4.00
10129839

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HALIBURTON LEGION POOL LEAGUE Every Wed. evening at 7 p.m. Members & Guests For information please contact Chris Briggs (705)457-1724.
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Coming Events A940

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Volunteers A960

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GARAGE SALES

Garage Sales G100

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Notices A910

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Coming Events A940

BASIC MOSAIC WORKSHOP -
By Judy Breau
Monday May 1,8 and 15, 6 p.m. to 8 pm at the Agnes Jameson Gallery. $40.00 per person. For adults who would like to learn the basic concepts of mosaics this workshop is flexible and easy to do. Basic kit supplied. However, if you wish to have mosaic done on a particular object, or if you have ceramics or glass you wish to use- you are encouraged to bring them along. Three consecutive Mondays will be needed to work through the complete mosaic. To register call 286-3763. Deadline for registration is April 28th.

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is the
Annual Executive Elections.
The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.
All members are urged to attend as the elections will determine your new executive for the coming year.

General Employment A800

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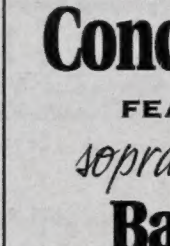

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Coming Events A940

2ND ANNUAL REDHAWK/REDMEN ALUMNI CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

DATE: Saturday, May 20, 2006
(Rain Date: Saturday, June 17, 2006)

STARTING TIME: 11:00 a.m. arrival -
12:00 p.m. shotgun start

LOCATION: Martin Wood Resort and Golf Club, Harcourt, Ont.

COST: $100.00 per person *(Includes 18 holes, a cart and dinner - all gratuities included)*

NOTE: 1) All Martin Wood Golf Course rules apply *(attached).*
2) There is reserved spaces for the first 100 persons who call, so book your spot ASAP (reservations of either groups of 2 or 4 would be appreciated)
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CONTACT INFORMATION: All golf reservations are to be made through Derek Little at one of the following areas:
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E-mail: derek.little@tldsb.on.ca
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Announcements

Anniversaries

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Place: Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce
Best Wishes only 10130030

Thank You Cards

A Special Thanks- STO EVERYONE WHO ATTENDED AND HELPED TO MAKE MY 40TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION SO MUCH FUN!
Paul Cowen 10133198

DOUGLAS. - The family of the late Irene Douglas would like to thank everyone at the Haliburton Access Centre and Para-Med, Doctor Conway and the nursing staff at Haliburton Highland Heath Services who were so kind to mom, Kristen and Barry and there staff who helped us through a very difficult time, Reverend Faun Harriman for her prayers and words of comfort, Bill Gliddon, the St. George's Choir and the ladies of the A.C.W for the lovely lunch.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the lovely cards thoughts and prayers, personal phone calls expressions of sympathy visits, flowers donations in memory of Irene, and gifts of food during our time of sorrow.

Thank you again to everyone.
-The Douglas family 10140100

Hicks - Dear Friends Thank you so much for coming to help me celebrate my surprise birthday. Thanks for the lovely flowers, gifts and cards. A special thank you to the hot flashes, all musicians carvers, card players, those who brought the delicious pot luck. Donna who made the delicious birthday carrot cake, and to my husband Gerry who kept it a secret. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.
- Betty Hicks 10138007

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Thank You Cards

O'Hara - Sincere thanks Drs. and Nurses at Sunnybrook. Dr. Hayes and staff at the Haliburton Hospital for there wonderful care. thanks you for the masses, cards, phone calls flowers, food. especially your prayers. For my wonderful family and friends for there love and support through these past few months. For a Dear friend for her unlimited care and help many thanks.
- God Bless you all Eva O' Hara 10129012

Deaths

GORIN BIDGOOD, Nancy Eleanor - Passed away at the Haliburton Hospital on Thursday, January 19, 2006.
Predeceased by her husbands Fred Bidgood and Hugh Gorin. Sister in law of Jack and Beryl Gorin of Haliburton. Loving daughter of the late Bill Pearson and Doris Pearson Merritt. Nancywas the beloved fiancé of Bob Ripperger of Florida and best friend of Cathy Mackinnon, Louise Curran and Sharon and Dennis Tobin. Fondly remembered by her friends at the Haliburton Legion and her golfing buddies. In accordance with Nancy's wishes, cremation has taken place. A graveside interment and Committal Service will be held at the Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton on Tuesday, May 9, 2006 at 1:00 p.m..
Memorial Donations to the Canadian Cancer Society or to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (H.H.H.S.F.) would be appreciated and can be arranged through the **Gordon A Monk Funeral Home Ltd.**, Box 427, Minden KOM 2K0 (www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com) 10136144

ROSE, Helen Campbell of Minden formally of Markham, passed away peacefully in Newmarket of South Regional Hospital on Saturday, April 22, 2006 at the age of 78. Helen was the loving mother of Leona and Ernie Emmerton, Ray and Jennifer Rose, Lorraine and Angelo Imbriglio, Philip and Brenda Rose, Louise and Langis Morin. Loving grandmother of Jodi, Steve, Jennifer and Jay, Micheal and Denise, Steven, Lisa, Alison, Troy, Alex, Stephanie, Michelle, Daniel, Christine and Mark.Great Grandmother to Hailey and Adam, Chelsea and Evan, Avery and Taylor, and Quinten.
A memorial Service will be held at **Low and Low Funeral Home**, 23 Main St. South, Uxbridge 905-852-3073 on Thursday, April 27, 2006 in the chapel at 1:00 p.m 10136037

Obituaries

ANTHES, Wanda - Peacefully on Saturday, April 22, 2006, at Woodingford Lodge in Woodstock, Wanda Anthes, beloved wife of the late Dale Anthes (2001), in her 88th year. Survived by her sister, Marie Green, her nephew Hugh McIsaac and his wife Gloria, sisters-in-law Glenna Smith and Doris Jackson and their families and Tom Anthes. She and her husband Dale were long time owners of Maple Sands Resort on Maple Lake and were fervent promoters of Haliburton, especially the expansion of the Haliburton Hospital. For many years Wanda was the Assistant Organist at Maple Lake United Church and an active member of UCW. A Memorial Service in memory of Wanda will be held at the Maple Lake United Church on Saturday, May 13, at 11 am. Those who wish to make a memorial donation in memory of Wanda, please consider Maple Lake United Church.
"I am convinced that neither death nor life,....shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord" - Romans 8. 10136964

Card of thanks

Yontz - The family of the late Betty Jean Yontz of Cambridge, Ontario would like to say thank you to the organizations and individuals who assisted in her well being during her time in Haliburton County.

Special thanks are extended to all the staff of Extendicare Haliburton, their friendly visitors and Palliative Care Volunteers, Dr. Hartwick, Dr.Bottum and the nurses at the Haliburton Hospital, the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home and the Dale Lounsbury Funeral Home in Cambridge.

- From Lisa Hawker and Matthew Hawker of Chester New York and Laura Yontz and Greg Hobman of Cobourg and Bob Lake 10140234

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Her interest in music is obvious to see Probably the same way you saw it in me I look at my daughter and wish you knew Just how much she reminds me of you Just like you

Dad, she's definitely the best Christina and I are both very blessed She's so outgoing and social too Everyone she meets loves her, just like you But I don't need to tell you, you see the same Every time she grabs at that picture frame She points at her Papa and offers a kiss No one can say that you're not terribly missed

Until we meet again Dad, we miss you.

- Love, Earl, Christina and baby Olivia 10126865

Stansbury - Donald " Bud" - In loving memory of my dear husband who passed away May 1, 1989.
I think of you in silence and I often speak your name. All I have is lovely memories of you, and your picture in a frame. My heart still aches with sadness. My silent tears still flow for what it meant to loose you honey, No one will ever know. Today tomorrow, My whole life through, I will always remember your love.
- Sadly missed by your wife Burdetta 10127760

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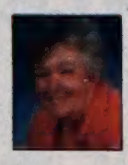

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Hunter Creek Estates: Quiet, priv. & spacious 2 bdrm home with 2 baths. Nicely treed, lrg back yard, bright open concept living room/ kit area, det. garage. Immediate possession. Value priced. *Call Fred Chapple*

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Negaunee Lake: Priv. 3 bdrm, yr-rnd cottage, well-treed lot on tranquil, picturesque no-motor lake. Woodstove, UV filter, new roof. Lot slopes from dwelling to shore. Plenty of wildlife. *Call Elizabeth Thompson*

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Deborah Deremo*
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$149,900
Negaunee Lake: 3 bedroom home/cottage with beautiful, southern hillside view over peaceful Negaunee Lake (electric motors only). Fully winterized, 4 pc bath, open living/dining/kitchen areas with picture window looking out to deck and lake. Good shoreline. Only 1 km from big lake boat access. *Call Deb Deremo*

$685,000
New WF home w/3570 sq ft of living space. Open concept with cathedral ceilings, hardwood floors, 2 stone FPs, custom design kitchen, master bdrm ensuite, 4 bdrms, MF laundry. *Call Ted Vasey*

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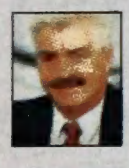

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$269,000
South Lake: 3 bdrm, 1200 sq ft yr-rnd cottage/ home w/very lrg kit. About 2 hrs to Toronto & only mins. to Minden. close to skiing, snowmobile trails & more. This lake boasts good bass fishing. *Call Victor Disik*

$349,000
Moore Lake: Enjoy lakeside living at this 3 bdrm./1.5 bath brick bungalow on Moore Lake. Level Lot. 142' frontage. Full partially finished basement. Detached dbl. garage. *Call Melanie Vigrass*

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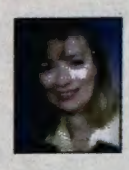

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3 bdrm, WF home on Dark Lake in Wilberforce featuring country kitchen, FR with w/o, 2 lrg baths, huge split level master bdrm with w/o to deck & sunporch overlooking the lake, finished rec room w/bar & 2 car garage. *Call Vince Duchene*

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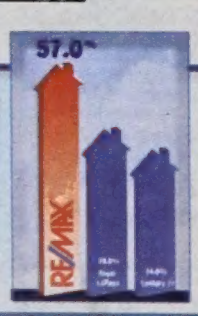

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